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EEC toughens sanctions against Libya

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The EEC yesterday agreed to tighten its measures against the Gaddafi regime by reducing the number of Libyan diplomats in Europe to the 'absolute minimum necessary' and confining them to national capitals.

It also gave warning of the need to prevent an escalation of the military conflict in Libya.

EEC member states are to reduce their diplomatic representation in Tripoli and will review the selling of subsidised EEC foodstuffs such as butter, milk and beef to Libya.

Non-official Libyans such as teachers, journalists and students will also come under review to identify 'trouble-makers'.

The new measures strengthened anti-Libyan sanctions adopted at emergency EEC meetings last week in the Hague and Paris. The package worked out by EEC foreign ministers at Luxembourg yesterday was not as tough as Britain had wanted.

It was only agreed after Greece, which had initially been reluctant, joined the majority.

Mr Theodoros Pangalos had telephoned Athens to get the approval of Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister.

An important new provision is that any Libyan expelled from one EEC member state for terrorist activities would automatically be banned from all other member states.

In theory, the sanctions to a Community-wide policy refusing shelter to proven Arab terrorists. The move is coupled with new and stricter visa restrictions, details of which have been referred to a working group of experts.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said the EEC had 'gone decisively down the road' towards the 10-point European Charter for Action he had proposed.

But it remains unclear how many European diplomats will be withdrawn from Tripoli and how many Libyans will have to leave Europe.

Mr van den Broek said that Libyan diplomats would in future have to obtain prior permission before being allowed to travel outside the European cities in which they were stationed.

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From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

Libyan visitors and students in Britain had been reduced to a tenth of previous numbers since 1983.

He said there was now a wider perception — 'though perhaps not universally shared' — of People's Bureaux, as the command posts of terrorism and an awareness that Libyans diplomats in the bureau constituted a threat to the security of citizens in European countries.

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Implementation of the anti-terrorist measures will be discussed on Thursday in The Hague by EEC interior ministers, including Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Sir Geoffrey said the EEC moves would go a long way towards persuading the US that Europe meant business in taking non-military action.

West German delegation sources said that as the EEC ministers were meeting Bonn had taken steps to withdraw its commercial and cultural attaches from Tripoli.

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Mr Hans van den Broek, the Dutch Foreign Minister and current president of the Council of Ministers, said the package was a flexible one to be applied on a case-by-case basis.

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Pomp and pageantry mark birthday salute



The Queen, with Miss Sarah Ferguson and the Duke of Edinburgh, acknowledging greetings from the Palace balcony.

Queen of music and flowers

By Alan Hamilton

Sixty is an arbitrary step in the pacing of our natural span, but by decree of her family and her people that milestone on the Queen's path of life was yesterday garlanded with both ceremony and affection.

Nor have we in memory enjoyed a monarch so determined to be visible. Neither so graciously ratio nor the lurking shadow of terrorism in the wake of the Libyan raid could deter the Queen from showing herself to her well-wishers in the streets of Windsor, the forecourt of Buckingham Palace, and the lively piazza of Covent Garden.

She asked specifically that security precautions should not intrude between her and the many thousands who turned out to see her. But the precautions were there, and massively so despite their discretion: before her passage through Windsor police lifted mesh-like covers and even her keen-paving stoves, poked in the soil of window boxes and dotted the rooftops with binoculars and rifles.

Her day began, as it always does, with a piper beneath her window at Windsor Castle rousing her to celebration. Close by, at St George's Chapel, a capacity congregation of 1,100, including friends, politicians, past and present staff, estate workers and an inordinate number of her close and less immediate family, assembled within England's finest monument to Peppercor architecture to join her to a service of thanksgiving.

Forty-five of her closest relations filled the ornate choir stalls with their majestic ornaments of the Order of the Garter: Windsors spanning four generations from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Prince William, who bobbed up and down in his staid all her four children and two other of her grandchildren.

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The societies said that the long lead time to the change-over for existing borrowers would give them the opportunity to make a further reduction should interest rates fall again in the meantime.

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The Mortgage Corporation, part of the American investment bank Salomon Brothers.

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River hunt for clues on killer

By Peter Davenport

Teams of police in four counties yesterday began searching the banks of the River Trent for clues of the killer of Sarah Harper, aged 10.

Officers on horseback, backed up by dog-handlers and colleagues on foot and in dinghies, combed miles of the river in an attempt to find clothing Sarah was wearing when last seen, but which were not recovered with her body.

They are anxious to trace her blue anorak, pink skirt, and shoes to pinpoint the exact spot where her body was dumped in the river.

Yesterday's search in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire, also included tributaries of the Trent, such as the Rivers Soar and Derwent.

Experts from the Severn Water Authority were also trying to help police by working out the rate of flow of the rivers, swollen by heavy rain in the last week.

Mr Michael Sweeney, operations controller for the authority, said yesterday: 'Three rivers come together within about three miles of where the body was found. It is a complicated river system, but we should be able to do some calculations which will at least limit the possibilities.'

The most intense search yesterday was by 50 officers along an eight-mile stretch of the Trent in Nottinghamshire upstream from the spot where Sarah's body was found at the weekend near Wilford.

The post-mortem examination was still continuing yesterday. Police were unable to say how the little girl died, although she had been sexually and physically assaulted.

Det. Supt. John Stanthorpe, in charge of the murder inquiry, said yesterday that police had still found no one who had seen Sarah since she left the corner shop near her home in Morley, Leeds, on March 26.

He said the killer may have been someone visiting the Morley area in connection with his employment.

Radical shake-up plan proposed for GPs and dentists

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Radical proposals to shake up the work practices of family doctors and dentists were canvassed yesterday in a discussion document on primary health care.

They include making GPs retire at 70 and introducing a performance related contract. At the same time, proposals to provide better and more local management for the 50,000 community nurses in England, with district nurses being given new rights to prescribe a limited range of dressings, ointments and sprays, and to use their skills in administering pain relief to the terminally ill, were published in a separate report on the future of community nursing services.

In what the Government claimed was the first comprehensive review of all the health services provided outside hospitals, ministers are also inviting comments on ways to provide more information for patients about family doctor services and suggestions for a quicker and easier complaints system. It is also proposed to make charging doctors easier.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, is allowing until the end of the year for comments on the proposals, and is to hold a series of public meetings to debate them.

Ministers are canvassing the idea of removing restrictions which prevent anyone but a doctor or dentist running a dental business for profit to see whether 'health care shops' could be set up to bring doctors, dentists, pharmacists and possibly others, under one roof.

The most controversial proposal, however, would be to change the family doctor's contract to introduce a 'good practice allowance'.

It would be linked to how far the doctor was personally available, whether the GP had post-graduate education, met agreed targets for immunizing children and looked after particular types of patient, and on the results of regular assessments by other doctors.

Under the proposals GPs and dentists would be able to retire at 60, but would have to retire at 70. At present, there are 515 GPs aged over 70, 74 aged over 80, and two GPs aged over 80 practising in their nineties.

The proposals received a cautious welcome from the British Medical Association.

But Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's health spokesman, said: 'Whatever changes are made within primary health care and whatever response is made by the profession, the general health of our people will not be improved until we have a government dedicated to eliminating poverty and unemployment.'

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Arab held in bomb inquiry

By Stewart Tandler, Crime reporter

A third Arab was questioned by detectives from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch yesterday in connection with the attempt last week to place a time bomb on an El Al jet carrying 400 passengers and crew.

The man, held in London, was taken to Paddington Green police station as another man was released. Both were held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and are believed to be associates of Nezar Hindawi, aged 35, the Jordanian arrested last Friday.

There were strong indications last night that Mr Hindawi is shortly to be charged.

Miss Murphy, Mr Hindawi's pregnant girlfriend, has been freed by police who have said they believe she was duped into carrying the hold-along containing the bomb.

As forensic examination of the bomb continued, police said yesterday that the explosive had come from an eastern bloc country although not the Soviet Union.

It is believed the source may have been Czechoslovakia. A large amount of eastern bloc material is used in the Middle East and has been linked to terrorist attacks.

Libya raid may lose contracts

By Richard Dowd

There are growing fears among British businessmen in the Middle East that they will lose contracts as a result of the British involvement in the bombing of Libya last week.

The United Arab Emirates has already cancelled a trade promotion week in London in protest and Dr Abdul Rahman al-Zamil, Saudi Arabian Deputy Minister of Commerce, has called off a visit to London scheduled to begin yesterday.

The Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, which was organising the UAE Week exhibition, scheduled to open today at Kensington Town Hall, said that the raid would undermine relations between Britain and the Arab world and pointed out that 6 per cent of Britain's exports go to Arab countries.

Mr Seif al-Jarawan, Minister of Economy and Commerce for the UAE, was to have led a 30-strong delegation to Britain for the week and some 60 UAE companies were to be represented.

The UAE also cancelled the annual meeting of the Joint UAE-British Economic Commission and withdrew its members, led by Mr Rashid Abdulhadi, the Foreign Minister.

Berlin bomb arrest

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

An unnamed Palestinian, travelling on a Jordanian passport, has been arrested in West Berlin on suspicion of taking part in a bomb attack on a Berlin discotheque on April 5, it was announced in West Berlin yesterday.

The attack killed an American soldier and a Berlin girl of Turkish origin, and injured more than 200 people.

Police said they found in the man's flat in West Berlin documents indicating that a further bomb attack was being planned. He was picked up on Sunday at an identity parade before 100 people who were in the discotheque.

González calls early elections

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, Spain's Socialist Prime Minister, decided last night to dissolve Parliament and call for early elections on Sunday, June 22. Four months before his four-year mandate would have expired.

The chief Government spokesman and Minister of Culture, Señor Javier Solana, revealed the decision last night after a special Cabinet session and an extraordinary

meeting of the federal executive committee of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party.

Minister's popularity was running high, according to public opinion polls.

Decisive polls: Political success in the Spanish capital said yesterday that the Government had been waiting for the results of private opinion polls to decide whether to call the election before the summer holidays or wait until it was due in October. The polls have not been released (Reuters reports).

Counterfeit runners upset Marathon computer

By Michael Coleman

Pirate runners wearing fake numbers and bar codes threw this year's London Marathon organisers into disarray.

The marathon sticklers made strikingly accurate copies of the numbers and bar codes which had been sent to the lucky 25,272 people accepted to run. The bar codes were read by computers at the finishing line.

However, in some cases, the bar code from a supermarket can of baked beans had been

copied and fixed to a number painted or drawn with fibre pen, to which was also attached a copy of the logo of Tandem Computers, the Texas-based firm covering the race for the first time.

With these numbers pinned to their vests the pirates were able to masquerade as accepted entrants and stride with confidence up to the finish on Westminster Bridge with Big Ben as backdrop and waving to the cameras. It made a lovely souvenir picture.

Once over the line, times were recorded manually, and the bar codes 'read' by a special device attached to a £150,000 computer installed in County Hall alongside the bridge. It was then that the phony runners were detected, their fake bar codes failing to match the numbers recorded on the computer database against accepted runners' names. The computer was not been fooled, but the results service was delayed.

Personally. They had taken on the London Marathon job determined to produce, for the first time in the race's history, a full list of all the eventual 18,175 finishers before the day was out.

Up in the County Hall press room the promised 'first 100 within minutes' became a wait of two hours. In the lower depths, Tandem's staff battled on, weeding out the fakes, striving to meet their two goals: to provide a full list of finishers for the late-night Guildhall prize giving, and to

supply The Times with the names of all those who broke three hours and of the women who bettered three-and-a-half hours. They achieved both.

The gatecrashers' insistence on joining a race from which 60,000 had been rejected will lead to tougher policing of the event next year with experienced ex-athletes patrolling the route in spot the gatecrashers. Video cameras will be installed at strategic points to record the runners passing and to help detect the cheats who join the race in mid-course.

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Tomorrow Big profits for the small man?

JAGUAR The Government's sell-off of the nationalized industries has brought a bonanza in the City.

Portfolio Gold There is £4,000 to be won in the Times Portfolio Gold competition today, and the weekly prize on Saturday will be £16,000, double the usual amount as there was no winner last weekend.

Banker quits The Bank of Israel governor is to resign after a report blamed him and others for the 1983 stocks collapse. Public reassured, page 7



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# THE QUEEN'S 60th BIRTHDAY



Queen Elizabeth II braving the rain.



The Princess of Wales and Prince William after the thanksgiving service.



The Queen yesterday with some of her birthday tributes of flowers.

## Vandals destroy Royal tree

A tree planted by the Queen during her recent visit in New Zealand has been cut down by vandals, staff at Christchurch's Botanic Gardens have said.

They said that the vandalized tulip tree was discovered yesterday morning, the Queen's sixtieth birthday. No one claimed responsibility but a slogan protesting against the Treaty of Waitangi was sprayed on the grass near the tree.

The treaty, signed by British representatives and Maori chiefs in 1840, has been at the centre of land rights protests. Anti-Royalists claimed responsibility, during the Royal visit in February, for vandalizing a maple tree the Queen planted in the gardens in 1954. President Mitterrand, in a

warm message of birthday greetings in the Queen yesterday, expressed his and the French people's admiration for her successful reign.

He asked to share with the British people, "which so many ties of friendship unite with France", French wishes for happiness and prosperity.

More than 6,000 youngsters from all over the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth joined the roasting celebration of the Queen's birthday at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Even the overcast weather reigned in the face of their gaiety and by the time the Queen came down to meet some of them, brilliant sun-

light was shining on the Palace forecourt.

Earlier, the weather had struck a more sombre mood.

Prince Andrew's fiancée, Miss Sarah Ferguson, who joined the Royal party on the balcony to welcome the children's choir, later took part in her first Royal walk-about, collecting armfuls of flowers.

She wore a blue-grey suit with a bow at the back, set off by a blue-and-white carwheel hat.

A total of 44 members of the Royal Family were present at Windsor, including an unexpected appearance by Prince William, aged three, who arrived holding the hand of his mother, the Princess of Wales.

## American hope on murders

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Psychological profiling used by police in the United States to track down murderers may be adopted by British detectives hunting child killers.

The use of such a system was mooted yesterday by Commander Philip Corbett, head of Scotland Yard's criminal intelligence section, after the first day of a national conference by detectives examining 20 cases involving missing or dead children dating back to 1978.

Psychological profiling makes use of a psychologist to build up a picture of the police target based on evidence from attacks and police investigations. It was used in Atlanta, Georgia, to find the man behind a series of child killings there.

Mr Corbett, convenor of the conference, said that social conditions in the United Kingdom were very different from those in the United States where the technique could be used in this country if there were sufficient cases to justify it.

He added that delegates would be returning to Scotland Yard later this month or early in May for a second day of discussions.

Eleven cases were considered yesterday, most of them involving boys.

Mr Corbett said that several factors had emerged linking some cases. In seven of the 20 investigations there were links between attacks and fires or circuits. Water used by anglers linked others. The cases involved murders in London, the Home Counties, Yorkshire, the Midlands, Scotland and the West Country.

## Delay in contract for Navy vessels

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The two shipyards in fierce competition for an order to build two supply ships to operate with Navy frigates have agreed to extend their tenders until the end of the month to allow ministers more time to reach a decision.

A decision had been expected last week when the issue was considered by the economic committee of the Cabinet, but Whitehall sources said there were still loose ends to tie up. It is now expected that a decision will be announced within the next few days.

It is possible that the issue will be discussed again by ministers in the economic committee, which would probably be on Thursday.

The contest is between Harland and Wolff in Belfast, and Swan Hunter on Tyne-side for a contract to design and build a new class of Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment vessel. The vessels would operate as supply ships for the new Duke class of frigate, the first of which is being built by Yarrow on Clydeside.

The immediate decision facing ministers is the placing of the orders for the first two AORs, though it is expected that eventually six of them will be needed.

Harland and Wolff is believed to have submitted the most competitive bid, and to be backed by the Ministry of Defence and the Scottish Office. Swan Hunter has claimed that in effect the Harland and Wolff bid was subsidized, and one of the reasons for the delay has been that the Government wanted to satisfy itself that the Harland and Wolff bid was made on a fully commercial basis.

The Government appears to be moving in the direction of possibly splitting the order between the two yards, with each building one ship.

The key question would then be which would be given the contract to produce the design. The evidence points to the Government probably giving Harland and Wolff the design contract.

However, a spokesman for Swan Hunter said yesterday that if his company was given only the contract to build the second AOR, this would make it impossible for the firm to hold together its design team of about 400 people.

## Unionist politician is jailed

By Richard Ford

A Unionist politician was jailed yesterday after refusing to pay a fine imposed after a "loyalist" demonstration in Northern Ireland.

The Rev Ivan Foster, a Democratic Unionist Party Assembly member, was detained at his home in Co Fermanagh for non-payment of the £100 fine, which was imposed in February after he was found guilty of behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Mr Foster was taken to Crumlin Road jail in Belfast where he will spend 14 days. His conviction relates to events during a banned loyalist parade in the mainly Roman Catholic town of Castlewaldron last June.

Meanwhile, the two leaders of the province's Unionist parties will call for a campaign of civil disobedience tomorrow.

The Rev Martin Smyth, Official Unionist MP for Belfast South, said the campaign would have more effect than falling into the Thatcher trap of making the issue one of law and order.

## Libya 'not election factor'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, predicted yesterday that the opinion of the electorate about the American bombing raid on Libya would steadily change in the Government's favour.

He was launching his party's campaign in the West Derbyshire by-election, where the Government's decision to sanction the use of bases in Britain for the American attack has become an important early issue.

His remarks reflected the concern in the Cabinet and among Conservative Party workers about the political costs of the raid in the approach to the local elections and the West Derbyshire and Ryedale by-elections on May 8.

Mr Tebbit admitted that the initial impact had been unfavourable, not least because the early television pictures in Libya concentrated on civilian casualties rather than the damage to military targets.

He recited a list of terrorist incidents in Britain in which Libyan involvement had been alleged and said: "The question we have to ask about the action taken against Libya is how many lives have been saved as a result of it."

He added that he doubted whether the Libyan affair would be a prime issue in the minds of the voters. They would be more interested in the fact that their mortgages were coming down and that small businesses and farmers were benefiting from cuts in interest rates and changes in capital transfer tax.

Mr Patrick McLoughlin, aged 28, who is defending a majority of 15,325, admitted yesterday while sitting alongside Mr Tebbit that there was great concern over what had happened in Libya.

Mr McLoughlin said: "There comes a time when you have to stand firm and show these people that they cannot get away with acts of government-funded terrorism."

Mr Christopher Wainwright, aged 42, the Alliance candidate, who is trying to convince voters that he is in a two-horse race with the Conservatives, said that the great majority of Conservative voters were critical of the Government's decision.

Mr Bill Moore, aged 52, the Labour candidate and a local man, said that in Tory parts of the town of Ashbourne and Belper he had been unable to find a single person who had admitted to supporting the Prime Minister over Libya.

Labour had 17 per cent of the vote in 1983 but Mr Moore predicted that many would switch directly from the Conservatives to Labour because in times of crisis people tended to polarize.

June 1983: M Pairs 20,299; V. 1,000; C. 9,000; Conservative majority, 15,325. Attack tomorrow, page 7.

## Smoking curbed in TV snooker

BBC television chiefs have instructed Mr Nick Hunter, executive producer of snooker, and his team at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, scene of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, to cut out where possible, pictures of players smoking between shots.

"We have been asked, where possible, not to transmit shots of players smoking," Mr Hunter confirmed.

The instruction could be very difficult to obey. Players such as Alex Higgins and Jimmy White almost chain smoke when they are sitting in their chairs, waiting to get back to the table.

Embassy are committed to the championship until 1990, and this year's and the four following tournaments, will cost them a total of £2 million, including prize money.

A spokesman for them did not wish to comment on the BBC's move, which is a minor victory for Mr Stuart Holmes, aged 38, of Manchester, who has picketed the stage door for the past two years in his one-man, anti-smoking campaign.

## Strong reaction to US move

By Rubin Yung

United States government regulations due to come into force on Thursday aim to give the US Department of Commerce and the Central Intelligence Agency jurisdiction in Britain over the activities of UK subsidiaries of American computer companies.

The regulations, made under the Export Administration Act 1985, give the Department of Commerce the task of policing distribution of US high technology computer equipment. The CIA is charged with policing the end use of such equipment.

Liberal MPs have tabled an early day motion intended to force action against American interference in British affairs. Mr Paddy Ashdown, Liberal MP for Yeovil, yesterday claimed Britain was about to become the victim of "commercial and legal terrorism on a grand scale". He described the regulations as "illegal and outrageous".

The supposed object of the regulations is to prevent advanced computer equipment reaching a list of banned countries. The ban does not apply only to the Soviet bloc.

## Print union decision is not to purge contempt

By Michael Horsnell

The print union Sogat '82 yesterday decided against purging its contempt of the High Court in spite of mounting pressure to change tactics in view of its unsuccessful battle with News International.

The union, whose 4,700 members at the company were dismissed after going on strike in January, had its £17 million assets sequestered after ignoring an injunction ordering it to halt blacking of company newspapers by its members at wholesalers.

The sequestration of its funds, on February 10, means that Sogat will almost certainly be forced to cancel its scheduled conference in June. Miss Brenda Dean, its general secretary, confirmed.

Because the blacking policy has failed, some members of Sogat's national executive want the union to purge its contempt in order to regain control of its assets so that it can pay dispute benefit to its News International members and restore normal service to the rest of its 213,000 members.

Pressures increased last week when Sogat members in Liverpool and Watford helped to produce the colour supplements of the News of the World and the Sunday Times overwhelmingly rejected a union ballot calling on them to boycott the magazines.

But at a meeting of the executive committee members felt that purging the

## Writers quit NUJ in protest

Times columnist Sir Woodrow Wyatt yesterday left the National Union of Journalists in protest at its conference decision to send condolences to Libya following the US air raid.

The former Labour MP's decision came hours after *The Observer's* political editor, Mr Adam Raphael, said he had resigned for the same reason.

There is a growing possibility that some national newspaper journalists will form their own breakaway union in the wake of the conference's decision to consider disciplinary action against members working at the News International plant at Wapping.

Mr Peter Thompson has resigned as editor of the *Sunday Mirror* by mutual consent. It was announced.

## Cut lip injury after cliff fall

A man escaped with a cut lip and shock after his car plunged 50 feet from the top of the cliffs of Dover yesterday.

Mr Desmond Gregory's car was tried to shove it backwards. It landed in trees near the base and Mr Gregory, of Bearsted near Maidstone, scrambled free.

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## Girl hanged as part of home movie

A man murdered a girl aged 17 while filming a home movie scene for a home-made movie, it was alleged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Brian Scott Cox, QC, for the prosecution, said that Geoffrey Jones, aged 49, unemployed, of Eggington Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, had developed an obsession about seeing women hang.

He lured Marion Terry to his home in Hall Green, Birmingham, where he persuaded her to pose with a noose around her neck, then pulled her feet from under her. Mr Scott Cox said.

The case continues.

## CBI warning on pension cost rises

The Confederation of British Industry gave a warning yesterday that the Social Security Bill could lead to lower-value pensions for employees on a grand scale.

"An unexpected and unwelcome" and Government and employers' costs (Edward Townsend writes).

In particular, it opposes the proposed flat rate rebate for all who contract out of the state earnings related pension scheme and also for a 2 per cent subsidy to be also offered to those who move from contracted-out schemes to personal pensions.

## Loneliness is just one problem

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# HAPPY AND GLORIOUS



Children strewing the Queen's path with flowers as she went walkabout in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace yesterday and (right) the Queen at Windsor.

## Pomp and pageantry salute the Queen

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George of Hanover and Princess Louis of Hesse.

Joining the family in the stalls was the newest recruit to the House of Windsor, who does not attain full membership until July. Miss Sarah Ferguson, looking elegantly restrained in a blue-grey suit and wide-brimmed hat against the Princess of Wales' pillar box red and matching pillbox hat.

Back in the nave the rows of seats were peppered with Bowers-Lynns and Bembournes, princes and princesses of Yugoslavia, Baden and Denmark, a reminder that in the days of monarchial Europe, family ties advised most of the Continent's thrones. All the primary colours of politics were there from Mr and Mrs Thatcher through the Alliance

to Mr and Mrs Kinnock, as was every prime minister who has served the Queen and still lives: Lord Stockton, Lord Home of the Hirsel, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx (who, as a Knight of the Garter, claimed an honoured seat in the stalls), Mr Edward Heath and Mr James Callaghan.

Beyond the rows of black morning suits and tasteful hats, the 12 Military Knights of Windsor splashed the chancel with vivid scarlet, gold and black. Gold-embroidered state trumpeters and scarlet Yeomen of the Guard set the west end of the nave ablaze.

The Queen, in a coat of dazzling yellow the colour of daffodils, arrived in a steady drizzle and a see-through umbrella, and the procession up the nave made halting progress as the wet broileries were gathered and shaken at the door.

Walking the chapel's splendid nave, the Queen passed the tomb of her grandfather, George V, and the chapel that holds the mortal remains of her beloved father, George VI, who died at the age of 56.

Organ and voices made a mightily joyous sound with three of the Queen's favourite hymns she had chosen herself: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, Immortal Invisible God Only Wise, and Now Thank We All Our God. The Prince of Wales, his finger

still bandaged, read as the lesso that most familiar passage from Corinthians that praises what used to be called charity and is now love.

The Dean of Windsor, the Right Rev Michael Mann, led the prayer for the Queen, that under her nation and Commonwealth might be wisely governed. The pomp over, the Queen's sombre face broke into the broad smile of relaxation, and burst into laughter as she descended to the glass-sided Scottish State Coach, substituted for an open landau because of the rain.

### Portfolio Gold

The staff commonroom at Lancing College, West Sussex, was buzzing with excitement yesterday.

## Homes boom raises concern over guidelines on lending

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Reports of rocketing prices, a spring boom in house demand and first-time buyer houses selling out have confirmed predictions of a sellers' market by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the institution says after a survey for the quarter ended March 31.

## Car repair scheme to cut court workload

Motorists with defective vehicles are to be given the chance to repair the fault rather than face prosecution (Stewart Tindler writes).

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Liverpool Football Club has snubbed a city council reception to celebrate the first all-Merseyside FA Cup final.

Two hunted  
Police in Gloucestershire were yesterday hunting two men who kidnapped and raped a teenage girl on the edge of the Cotswolds. The girl aged 17 was riding her moped near Birdlip early on Sunday evening when a maroon van forced her to stop.

Mr Hoskyns: gunsmiths' toolmaker on target.  
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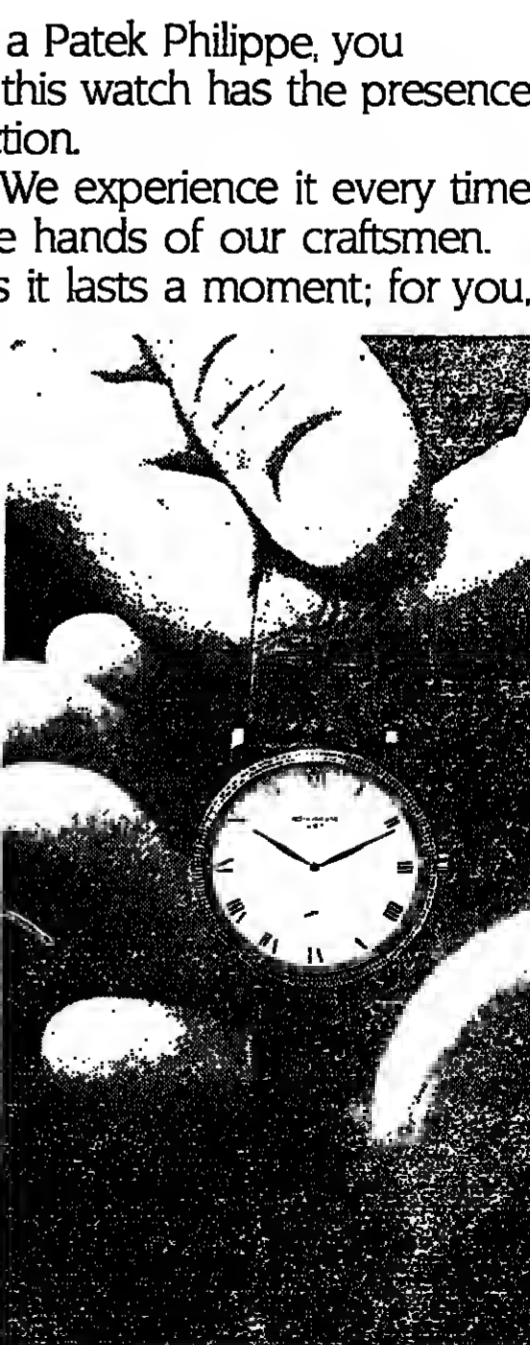
No jail over contempt call  
Mr Justice Russell made "no order" in the High Court in London yesterday on a move by Mr Brian Cox, of Beaufort Gardens, Chelsea, west London, managing director of an hotel in Poole, Dorset, to have Mr John Slow, magistrates' clerk at Poole, committed to prison for alleged contempt of court.

Range Rover launches fast model  
Europe's fastest four-wheel drive diesel vehicle, the new Range Rover Turbo D, is being launched at the Turin Motor Show today (Our Motoring Correspondent writes).

Cheese sales increase but butter dips  
Cheese consumption rose by 3 per cent last year, but sales of butter fell by 7 per cent, the Dairy Trade Federation reported yesterday (John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, writes).

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Extensive discussions on future form of primary health care

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In an effort to improve the service given by doctors, dentists and others in the primary health care services, the Government has issued a discussion document to form the basis of extensive consultations...

AIR TRAVEL

Fears were expressed by MPs about security against terrorists at Heathrow airport's Terminal 4, but Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, told the Commons he was satisfied with the attention given to security by the British Airports Authority...

Pointing way to tourist attractions

MOTORING

Experiments with the new white and brown tourist attraction signs in Kent and Nottinghamshire had been most successful and the signs would be introduced throughout England...

Assurance on Heathrow security

These stories would be taken seriously and investigated. What steps (he asked) are being taken to examine hand-held baggage and baggage destined for aircraft cargo holds...

Postponing new examination is not an option

EDUCATION

The Alliance has accused Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, of lack of leadership, incompetence and insensitivity during the Commons debate on education...

Airports are ready for sale

PRIVATIZATION

The Government was accused by Lord Underhill (Lab) of putting potential dangers before the interests of air travellers in pressing for privatization of the British Airports Authority...

More cautious temperament

COMMENTARY

Both acknowledge a common interest in combating terrorism. But the European temperament is more cautious and less inclined to believe that where there is a problem there must be a solution...

Dangerous suggestion

COMMENTARY

It is in parts of the world not covered by the Soviet-American strategic balance, such as the Middle East, Africa and Central America, that incidents are now more liable to occur...

MP's fury at food going to Libya

EEC PROPOSAL

Bureaucrats in Brussels had launched a secret, grotesque, sordid and shady deal, in direct conflict with the Community's political leadership, to supply the desert with military aid...

Check-list on extradition papers

TERRORISM

The Law Officers' Department and the Attorney General's Department of the Irish Republic have drawn up a check-list of the lines of that used by aircraft pilots before take-off, to ensure that documents for the extradition of alleged offenders from the Republic were in order...



Boyes: Advertising may lead to wrong choice

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# 50 MPs back motion for the creation of family court

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Nearly 50 MPs have signed an early-day motion calling on the Government to introduce legislation to create a family court as quickly as possible after publication of a consultation paper expected soon from the Lord Chancellor's Department.

The long-awaited paper has suffered several delays and there is now widespread concern that the prospect of a radical overhaul of the court structure to enable family matters to be tackled within one forum is unlikely within this Parliament and probably not within five years.

The motion has been tabled by Mr Leb Alse, Labour MP for Torfaen, who said yesterday that family courts would be better able to handle sensitive decisions on the welfare of families and children, particularly in cases of child abuse.

The root of the problem was the complexities of procedures and jurisdictions of the present court systems, whereas a unified family court would have simple, non-adversarial proceedings, with a strong conciliation and welfare service, he said.

The consultation paper is expected early in May and will outline possible models of a family court.

● The college of judges of the High Court are expected to

# Whitehall 'closed minds' criticized

By Colin Hughes

Civil Servants suffer from poor rewards and low morale, but lack specialist expertise and know little of the "jungle" of industry and commerce, one of the Government's senior Civil Servants told the Royal Society of Arts last night.

In a lecture which was unusually outspoken for a Civil Servant, Sir Kenneth Stowe, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, said that the serious difficulty facing the organization of government is that it is growing larger and more complex.

"Government is more complicated and more difficult to do well the larger it gets," he said. At the DHSS, for example, the number of letters from MPs requiring ministerial replies had risen by 47 per cent in one year, while those needing official response rose 71 per cent.

Yet it was essential to keep creating more "headroom" to allow departments to take on new tasks and roles.

Sir Kenneth said Civil Servants lack personnel, procurement, and specialized technological skills, particularly in information technology and sciences.

They suffer from a "closed mentality", both defensive and unaware of change outside Whitehall. "It just will not do these days for Civil Servants to maintain a sense of detachment from what is going on in the real world," he said. "We are sometimes in the past has verged on distaste for industry and commerce," he said.

● The Treasury is expected to offer most white-collar Civil Servants a 6 per cent pay rise later this week, with extra allowances for staff in skill shortage jobs and those working in unpopular areas of the country.



Rainbow the clown's false nose intrigued Neal O'Mahone at the fiftieth anniversary of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council at the Commons yesterday. The party was attended by 50 young arthritic victims (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

# Jobless youth 'a time bomb'

By Ronald Faux

Youth unemployment was a time bomb that would explode into enormous social problems, Mr Hugh Wyper, president of the Scottish TUC, said at the opening of the annual congress yesterday in Aberdeen.

He told the 600 delegates that one-third of youngsters in the 16-plus age group now came from broken homes and were left to themselves without a job, without training and without hope. Millions who had voted Conservative at the last two elections, he said, were now left to repent and regret in enforced leisure.

Every year the Government predicted that a corner was being turned, he said. "After seven years of turning corners we have discovered why we are on a roundabout, a vicious circle of cutback, closure and decline.

Mr Wyper said that trade unions had to develop flexible and realistic policies to meet the modern-day problems. They should have no illusions. The policies had to be realistic to win the confidence of their membership and the Scottish people.

# Boost fish sales, report says

By George Hill

A national competition should be mounted to develop a new labour-saving product similar to fish fingers in an effort to increase sales of herring and mackerel, according to a discussion paper published by the Social Democratic Party yesterday.

Mr John Godfrey, chairman of the group which produced the report, said fishermen discard 36 per cent of fish before it is landed, because of disincentives in regulations.

The Government's agricultural departments should sponsor the competition, the report said.

Rules which encourage the waste of up to half the catches should be replaced by a new licensing system, says the report.

# Money and the National Trust: 2 Business sponsorship drive

Anything away. The trust is a charity, not a corporation or a company, or other form of public body. Its job is to protect the heritage in its care, not to profit from it.

That explains why, in spite of an annual income of £70 million, it never stops asking for money, and trying new ways of raising it. Its growing task of protecting scenic countryside as well as historic homes means that it needs money more than ever.

Mr David Beeton, secretary of the trust, said: "Conservation in the 1970s was about buildings. Conservation in the 1980s is about landscapes." But the trouble with landscapes is that they cost plenty to maintain, but lend themselves much less than historic houses to fund-raising through entrance fees, shops and cream teas.

Mr Beeton, a solicitor who was chief executive of Bath

# £320,000 for boy after hit-and-run accident

By Tim Jones

High court damages of £320,000 were awarded yesterday to a "bright bunion of a boy" whose mental development was halted six years ago when he was knocked down at a pedestrian crossing by a hit-and-run driver.

The boy, Nicholas Vella, now aged 14, received a broken leg and a serious fracture of the skull in the accident, which also rendered him epileptic.

Since the accident, in Gloucester in April 1980, the boy's father, Mr Oscar Vella, of Beaufort Road, Gloucester, who is separated from his wife, has given up his job to care for his son.

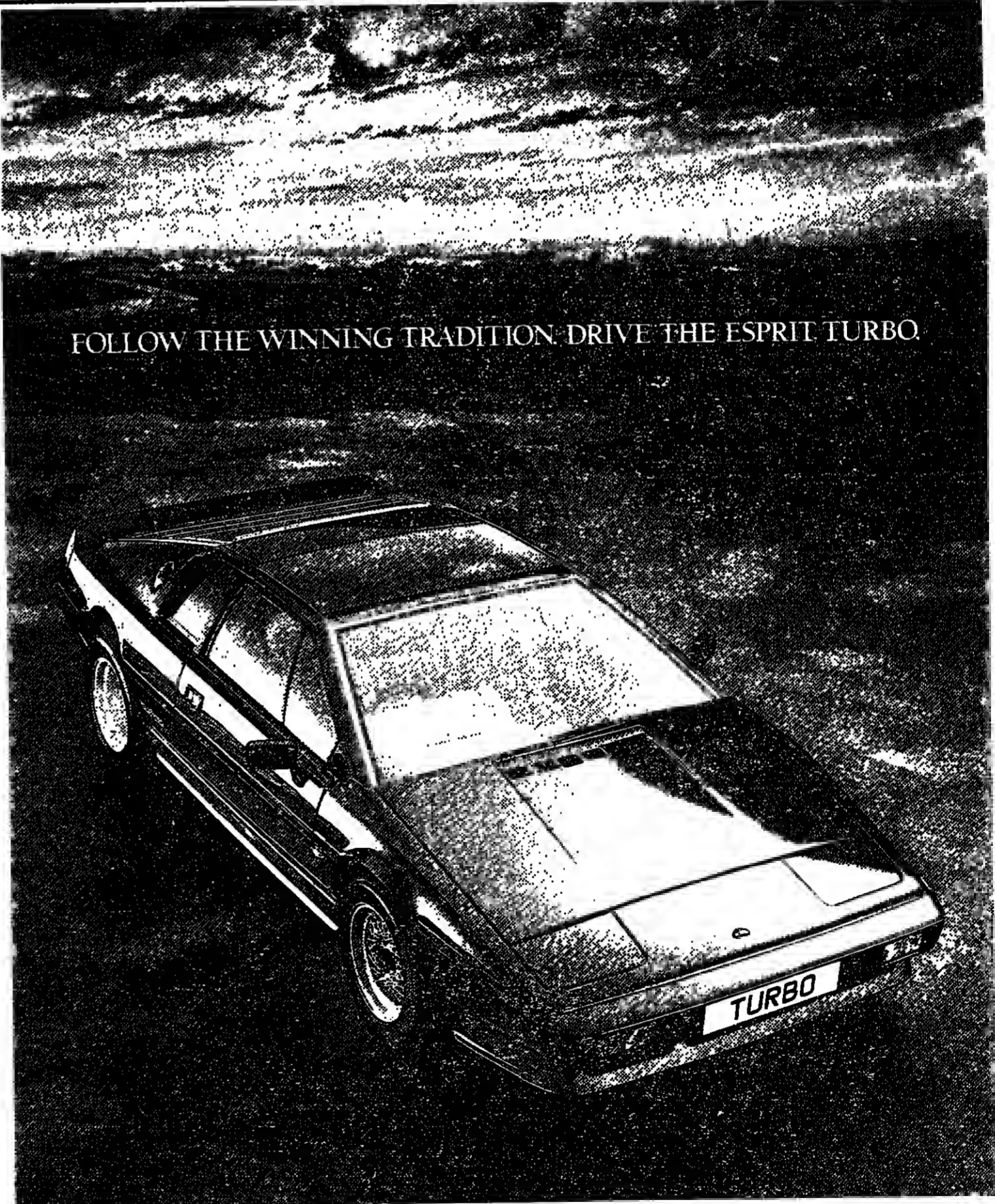
The settlement, plus costs, was agreed by the two sides moments before the hearing was due to start at the High Court in Bristol.

Mr Desmond Terrett, for the plaintiffs, told the court: "From the rather bright bunion at eight he has unfortunately come to a complete halt, at about that sort of age. If anything, he has gone backwards.

Mr Michael Thornton, the boy's solicitor, said that the car driver, Mr John Price, who at that time lived at Ash Grove Avenue, Cony Hill, Gloucester, had later given himself up to police and been prosecuted.

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# Dog fight was 'organized brutality'

An organized dog fight at an east London children's primary school was "no more and no less than organized brutality," Redbridge magistrates were told yesterday.

Police found a dead dog hidden in a black plastic bag in a boilerhouse at Aldersbrook primary school in Wanstead.

The school caretaker, Alexander Funk, was charged with permitting the school to be used for dog fights.

North Ravenscroft, unemployed of Long Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire, was charged with organizing the fight. He is a business manager of a dog training and breeding club, and was found guilty of the charge.

The case continues today.

# Gypsies seek court order to stop eviction

A group of gypsies are facing homelessness because of an "incontestable breach of statutory duty" by West Glamorgan County Council to provide caravan sites, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Mr David Marshall Evans, QC, also accused the Secretary of State for Wales of failing to take effective action to help the gypsies, who face eviction from land at the Briton-Ferry industrial estate, Neath.

Mr James Gilhany, one of 63 gypsies under threat, yesterday applied for High Court orders to stop the eviction until adequate alternative caravan sites had been provided. He was backed by the National Gypsy Council.

# Science report

# Role of the appendix in fighting infection

The appendix may not be the useless, purely vestigial organ, only noticeable when diseased, that it is generally supposed to be. The discovery of a positive role for the appendix, in keeping the body healthy, has come from one of the studies into the influence of fibre in the diet.

The new findings suggest that the appendix plays a part in the body's response to infections of the intestine, particularly enteritis in childhood.

Paradoxically, if the conclusions are correct, they show that the epidemics of appendicitis in children and young adults in Britain, and other industrialized countries, in the first half of the twentieth century could have been a by-product of improved sanitation.

The sanitation theory of appendicitis has been put forward by Professor David Barker, director of the Medical Research Council's Environmental Epidemiology Unit, at Southampton.

With colleagues, he examined evidence for the popular belief that the illness was caused by a lack of fibre, and found it wanting.

The new theory, if correct, would have significant implications for countries now improving their hygiene and sanitation, as Britain did in the nineteenth century.

It would also call for a reassessment of some at least of the present advice on diet.

The fibre theory was first put forward in 1920 by Rendle Short, who concluded that the rise in appendicitis was due to "the relatively less quantity of cellulose eaten on account of the wider use of imported foods". It led immediately to a dramatic rise in the consumption of bran-type breakfast foods.

The Southampton group compared eating habits in different parts of Britain, as shown by the General Household Survey, with appendicitis figures.

They found no link with varying consumption of cereal fibre, including bread. There was a link with vegetables, less appendicitis in the case of green vegetables, including peas and beans, but more where people ate more potatoes.

Before the days of improved sanitation an infant would be subjected to many infections. As it overcame them with the help of defences acquired from its mother and through breast feeding it gained its own immunity. With improved sanitation infection would come later, when maternal protection had declined and before the child had acquired the defence system of the adult.

The theory accounts for the failure of the high-fibre ration diet of the Second World War, now praised by many nutritionists, to affect appendicitis figures.



# Greek Cypriots seek Soviet support for peace settlement plan

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Having effectively rejected the latest United Nations plan for a settlement of the Cyprus problem, the Greek Cypriots are planning to seek Soviet support for a counter-proposal which was submitted by President Kyprianou. This aims to bring about the early withdrawal of 25,000 Turkish troops from the divided island.

Mr. George Iacovou, the Cypriot Foreign Minister, is to fly to Moscow next Monday to discuss his government's proposal to convene an international conference to consider four major issues which the Greek Cypriots felt were not adequately dealt with in the 16-point UN draft.

These include the withdrawal of Turkish troops from northern Cyprus, international guarantees for the island's independence, the removal of some 60,000 Turks who have settled there since the 1974 Turkish invasion, and the right of all Cypriots to move freely about the island.

President Kyprianou has proposed that these issues should be dealt with either at an international conference or at a meeting between Mr. Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, and himself. His response has had the support of all Greek Cypriot parties.

The Greek and Turkish Cypriots had been given until yesterday to reply to the latest proposals which were presented to them last month by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General.

In calling for an international conference, the Greek Cypriots were echoing a similar proposal put forward by Moscow in January as part of a settlement plan. The US and Britain have been critical of the Soviet proposal, which also calls for the closure of "foreign military bases" on the island, believing it to be an attempt by Moscow to become directly involved in the Cyprus issue.

Western sources said yesterday that the Greek Cypriots were trying to "play the Soviet card" in order to persuade the US and Britain to press for changes in the latest UN plan to make it more acceptable.

The Greek Cypriots stopped short of delivering an outright "no" to the UN plan, for fear that this could force the Secretary-General to abandon his long-running attempt to negotiate a settlement. "We still support his efforts to find a solution. But what we are aiming at is a package deal. We cannot have part of a whole."

The plan has been accepted by the Turkish Cypriots who control about 38 per cent of the island. It calls for the reunification of the island in a federal republic with a Greek Cypriot president and a Turkish Cypriot vice-president, each with veto powers over a two-house legislature.

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# Oslo Cabinet reshuffle

From Tony Samstag Oslo

Against a background of industrial turmoil and declining popularity, the Norwegian Government has announced a Cabinet reshuffle that already has some commentators speculating about the next Conservative candidate for prime minister.

The most significant of several changes agreed during the annual Conservative Party conference at the weekend is the appointment of Mr Rolf Presthus, the tough but popular Finance Minister, as party chairman and Minister of Defence. He is replacing Mr Erling Norvik, and Mr Anders Sjaastad respectively.

Norway has just surfaced from a week-long lock-out of more than 100,000 industrial workers that is estimated to have cost the country at least £100 million. The whole of its North Sea oil and gas production has also been shut down by a similar dispute for the past fortnight.

# Election winner makes offer to Sudan rebels

Khartoum (AFP) — A delegation from Sudan's Umma party, the winner in the recent general elections, will go to Addis Ababa today to offer the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Movement a share in the new government, the Sudanese news agency Suna reported yesterday.

Meanwhile Umma and other parties have called for the first meeting of the elected constituent assembly to be put back, partly because negotiations over the make-up of a ruling coalition are proving difficult.

The Umma delegation will also discuss the situation in Sudan and preparations for a constitutional conference planned for June, which the rebels have said they will attend.

Umma, the moderate Islamic party headed by Sadeq Mahdi, won 99 seats, not enough for an absolute majority.

**PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE**

**South Korea: Kim Keun-tae**

By Caroline Moorehead

Last month a former chairman of the National Youth Alliance for Democracy, a political grouping seeking to reunite North and South Korea and to promote more independent and fairer educational and economic systems, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for being involved in activities "feared to cause social unrest".

Kim Keun-tae, aged 39, is a graduate in Economics. He is married and has a wife that he has been tortured.

Kim Keun-tae's political activities go back to the 1971 Presidential elections when he organized support for Kim Dae-jung, the opposition candidate. Wanted by the authorities for anti-government views, he went into hiding for much of the rest of the decade.

He surfaced in 1983, when only university students had openly opposed the government of President Chun after he came to power in 1980, and helped set up the National Youth Alliance for Democracy. This came a first series of arrests and brief detentions. But it was not until 1985, when the Alliance publicly supported a number of strikes and demonstrations against the government that the authorities decided the time had come to hold him.

On September 4 1985, Kim Keun-tae was arrested by the Anti-Communist Bureau of the National Police.

Kim Keun-tae severely tortured before trial

# Seoul gets boost from Chun trip

Seoul (Reuters) — President Chun of South Korea returned home yesterday after a European tour and said he had reached agreements on trade and technology to fuel the country's surging economy.

The 15-day visit to Britain, France, West Germany and Belgium came as the economy was beginning an export-led boom that the government predicts will help slash foreign debt and give a boost in competition with Japan.

European leaders urged Mr Chun to speed the pace of democratic reform, as violence continued at South Korean universities. A campaign by the opposition for direct presidential elections gained strength last week with a huge rally in the central city of Taejeon.

In a speech yesterday, Mr Chun said he had reached agreements with European governments on ways to promote trade, accelerate technological co-operation and to expand cultural and academic exchanges.

But he said: "If we are stilled by strife and confrontation among ourselves, we will not be able to make progress."

Falling oil prices, a strong yen and declining interest rates have sparked an economic revival in South Korea. Mr Chun's trip was intended to find new suppliers for parts and technology to reduce dependence on Japan as well as to seek new markets in Western Europe where South Korea's market share is only about 1 per cent.

In West Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl linked better relations between his country and South Korea to the pace of democratic reforms.

The French Prime Minister, M. Jacques Chirac, told Mr Chun that he hoped South Korea was working towards re-establishing a "democratic balance".

Yesterday, some 7,000 students from nine universities demonstrated to demand the resignation of Mr Chun whom they called a military dictator.

# 400 feared lost as ferry capsizes



Rescuers salvaging the ferry which sank in a Bangladesh river with 1,000 people on board while a survivor (below) weeps.

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

At least 400 people were feared drowned when a passenger steamer with more than 1,000 people on board capsized in a storm near Munsiganj town, about 28 miles east of Dhaka.

Rescue workers recovered 150 bodies from the river Dabaleshwari. Many of them were women and children.

The ferry sank on Sunday night. Eyewitnesses said that they saw bodies floating with the current.

About 250 people managed to swim to safety, survivors said. More than 50 are in hospital with serious injuries.

Water transport authorities said that the mishap occurred as a cyclonic storm raged over the area. The steamer was plying between Dhaka and the southern Bhola district.



**Dam burst deaths**

Colombo (Reuters) — At least 100 people were killed when an irrigation dam burst and water inundated dozens of villages in eastern Sri Lanka, police estimated yesterday.

At least 30,000 people were made homeless after water from the Kantalar Reservoir, 145 miles from Colombo, burst through cracks in the dam on Sunday.

Fire toll: At least 32 people were killed in a fire that razed refugee shanties in north Dhaka on Sunday.

Police said that about 100, including 60 or so children, were missing since the fire broke out in the Geneva Camp in the Mohammadpur area, the home of more than 40,000 Bihari families waiting for repatriation to Pakistan for the past fifteen 15 years.

# King's commitment cannot be doubted

From Richard Wigg Madrid

There is a risk that the one substantial disagreement between Spain and Britain — Gibraltar — will grab headlines when King Juan Carlos speaks out about his country's sovereignty claim, as he undoubtedly will, during the State visit to Britain he begins with Queen Sofia today.

The King's basic approach is that the Gibraltar problem will take many years to solve, but that no difficulty exists which cannot eventually be resolved.

It has to be a slow process, he feels, not rushing things although there are some people in Spain who would want that — taking into consideration the interests of all parties, including the Gibraltarians.

Diplomats of both countries say that the Anglo-Spanish Brussels Agreement of November 1984 provides the framework for a new and longer-term approach.

But the King's commitment cannot be doubted. He put Gibraltar into the very first speech of his reign, in November 1975, and, in spite of all the family ties, he and Queen Sofia did not attend the wedding of the Prince and

Princess of Wales in 1981 because the honeymoon started on Gibraltar.

This is to be the first visit by a reigning Spanish monarch for almost 81 years. Then, the King's grandfather, Alfonso XIII, came to London to find his bride — the future Queen Victoria Eugenia, known to Spaniards afterwards as "The English Rose".

Building on the close family ties between the two monarchs the main theme of the visit is intended to be what now unites Britain and Spain as partners in the EEC and Nato.

The Spanish royal couple, who will stay at Windsor Castle, understand the significance of the Queen's gesture in quickly holding their State visit after last year's signing of Spain's Accession Treaty to the EEC.

For King Juan Carlos the visit means recognition by one of Europe's longest-established monarchies and also emphasizes his insistence on a democratic Spain looking outwards again to Europe.

The sweep of history involved is considerable. It is only the third visit by a Spanish reigning monarch in more than 400 years. Before Alfonso XIII, the last visit was in 1557, by Philip II as



STATE VISIT OF SPAIN'S KING AND QUEEN

find a worthwhile role only in the European Community and defend themselves through the Nato alliance. A majority of Spaniards showed that they accepted this view, and the linkage between the two orga-

# Spirit of Anzac 'not dead'

From Richard Long Wellington

Australia and New Zealand might be taking different paths over the Anzac row and the American bombing of Libya, but this did not mean that the Anzac spirit was withering or dead, Mr. David Lange, the Prime Minister, said.

"Australians and New Zealanders have never set down like cherubs agreeing to echo each other's sentiments. That is one of the best aspects of Anzac," he said.

Australia and New Zealand commemorate Anzac Day on Friday, a date which marks the First World War landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli. It was the ill-fated attempt to open a second front that coined the word Anzac — for the Australian-New Zealand Armoured Corps — which still stands as a symbol of co-operation.

But while Canberra and Wellington are taking a different view of some key issues these days, Mr. Lange said yesterday that this was just a healthy independence of view which did not alter the spirit of Anzac "exemplified by a common front to a potential enemy."

His comments at a press conference came just two days before a parliamentary select committee is to begin hearings into anti-nuclear legislation, which has angered Washington, London and Canberra. It will have the effect of blocking visits by the Royal Navy and American Navy ships.

Mr. Lange, who last week criticized the American raids on Libya, describing them as an over-reaction which risked provoking further terrorist attacks, reiterated his views yesterday.

# Cambodia formula rejected

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

The foreign ministers of Vietnam and Thailand made no progress in their search for a peaceful settlement of the Cambodian conflict now in its eighth year, during a meeting yesterday.

Statements afterwards by both sides made it clear that the talks got nowhere.

Mr. Nguyen Co Thang said he had refused to change Vietnam's position and despite Thai appeals would not reconsider his rejection of the peace plan recently put forward by the Cambodian resistance coalition which is recognized by the United Nations nor would he agree to meet coalition leaders.

The plan calls for a ceasefire in Cambodia to allow Vietnamese forces to withdraw and negotiations to establish a four-party government which would include the Vietnamese-sponsored regime of President Heng Samrin.

Mr. Thach ridiculed the plan as "stupid, stupid".

He said the Heng Samrin Government which controlled the whole country was being asked to surrender most of its authority to the coalition which had none.

# Gibraltar the one issue on rare visit

Princess of Wales in 1981 because the honeymoon started on Gibraltar.

This is to be the first visit by a reigning Spanish monarch for almost 81 years. Then, the King's grandfather, Alfonso XIII, came to London to find his bride — the future Queen Victoria Eugenia, known to Spaniards afterwards as "The English Rose".

Building on the close family ties between the two monarchs the main theme of the visit is intended to be what now unites Britain and Spain as partners in the EEC and Nato.

The Spanish royal couple, who will stay at Windsor Castle, understand the significance of the Queen's gesture in quickly holding their State visit after last year's signing of Spain's Accession Treaty to the EEC.

For King Juan Carlos the visit means recognition by one of Europe's longest-established monarchies and also emphasizes his insistence on a democratic Spain looking outwards again to Europe.

The sweep of history involved is considerable. It is only the third visit by a Spanish reigning monarch in more than 400 years. Before Alfonso XIII, the last visit was in 1557, by Philip II as

# Flights hit by strike

A nationwide strike by employees of the Spanish petroleum monopoly, Campsa, led to the suspension yesterday of 128 domestic flights by Iberian and Aviaco airlines (Harry Debelius writes from Madrid).

Queues nearly a mile long formed as motorists filed up in anticipation of the strike, due to last until midnight tomorrow. Most stations ran out of petrol.

In Barcelona, police clashed with pickets who prevented the loading of tanker lorries.

Campsa employees are demanding information regarding their future when — according to EEC agreement — the Spanish company ceases to be a monopoly.

# Mud threatens village

Madrid. — Engineers and construction crews, equipped with bulldozers and power shovels, worked feverishly yesterday to prevent the tiny mountain village of Olivares, near Granada, from being engulfed by a mud slide (Harry Debelius writes).

Geologists said an estimated eight million tonnes of pumice stone and earth were moving towards the village.

● BOGOTA: Seven people were killed and eight unaccounted for after a landslide engulfed seven houses under mud and rocks in a mining region of central Colombia. Civil defence officials said yesterday (Reuters reports).

# Gorbachov looks for substance beyond the Berlin ritual

From Roger Boyes East Berlin

Herr Erich Honecker, face alight, leans over to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov who has been sitting at his side, comfortable in a worsted wool suit, a translation machine plugged into his ear, stroking his tie, as impassive as Buddha.

The East German leader smiles, applauds — a young speaker in the blue shirt of the Free German Youth has just praised him — and the Soviet comrade jolts in the clapping, flashing his cufflinks in fraternal solidarity.

Herr Honecker likes an applause. He is in his 74th year, an old warrior who was jailed for his communism, and he knows that the party congress which ended yesterday will probably be his last as party chief.

It was a time for some disciplined self-congratulation: "Look what we have achieved," was his message to the Soviet leader.

Mr Gorbachov does not seem to care much for applause, but he understands it. It is a form of communication between party leaders and party led. Most of all it is a necessary court ritual. But the Kremlin chief is in his 55th year and looks for substance beyond the ritual; he is of the



Children welcome Mr Gorbachov and his wife, Raisa, at Potsdam's Cecilienhof Palace.

generation that wants to renew communism by solving problems rather than trumpeting success.

This clash of leadership style was at the heart of the party congress in East Germany and goes some way towards explaining the friction between Moscow and some of its allies, not only in East Berlin but also Prague and Sofia.

Mr Gorbachov was happy to come to East Berlin, to attend his first East European party congress since he took over the Soviet leadership. Happy, because he genuinely approves of some of the economic changes, above all the modernization of industry and its relative flexibility.

Happy, because he wanted to show that despite the

historical ballast that burdens German-Soviet relations (20 million Soviet war dead), East Germany is not a second-class ally. No other Soviet leader has really bothered to demonstrate this: it was the task of a man of Mr Gorbachov's generation.

And happy too, because it gave him the opportunity of appealing to Western Europe

# Marcos linked to \$600m log fraud

From Keith Dalton Manila

Japanese officials co-operated in a lucrative log smuggling operation over the past five years which netted a \$600 million (£387 million) return for former President Ferdinand Marcos, a Philippines minister charged yesterday.

Over \$1 billion worth of logs were smuggled to Japan, South Korea and Taiwan by "cronies" of Mr Marcos, who allowed the systematic plunder of timber in return for 60 per cent of the profits. It was alleged by the Natural Resources Minister, Mr Ernesto Maceda.

Legal and undervalued log shipments were so blatant that often military helicopters had escorted logging ships outside Philippine waters to prevent interception by Coastguard vessels, Mr Maceda said.

Forest destruction during the 20 years of Marcos rule saw the country's original 11 million hectares of forest shrink to 1.8 million hectares.

Mr Maceda said the sale price of Philippine logs was deliberately understated, and the difference deposited by Mr Marcos's business associates in overseas banks, usually in Hong Kong.

Japanese officials have demanded official requests from the Aquino Government to allow Japanese surveyors to check log exports.

"We want to know who among our present Philippine log exporters are guilty, but Japan has failed all our approaches," Mr Maceda said.

"They know the situation. They know they are part of the undeclaration. They know they have refused to co-operate with us in recovering out the illegal importation," he said. "I'm angry at the Japanese for not giving us the figures of Japan's importation of the Philippine logs," he said.

The Philippines will impose a "total and permanent" log export ban in August, he added.

● Gun battle: At least 41 soldiers and communist rebels were killed, and 800 more wounded in a 10-hour gun battle in Cagayan province when soldiers overran a guerrilla jungle camp (Reuters reports).

# King's commitment cannot be doubted

From Richard Wigg Madrid

There is a risk that the one substantial disagreement between Spain and Britain — Gibraltar — will grab headlines when King Juan Carlos speaks out about his country's sovereignty claim, as he undoubtedly will, during the State visit to Britain he begins with Queen Sofia today.

The King's basic approach is that the Gibraltar problem will take many years to solve, but that no difficulty exists which cannot eventually be resolved.

It has to be a slow process, he feels, not rushing things although there are some people in Spain who would want that — taking into consideration the interests of all parties, including the Gibraltarians.

Diplomats of both countries say that the Anglo-Spanish Brussels Agreement of November 1984 provides the framework for a new and longer-term approach.

But the King's commitment cannot be doubted. He put Gibraltar into the very first speech of his reign, in November 1975, and, in spite of all the family ties, he and Queen Sofia did not attend the wedding of the Prince and

# Spirit of Anzac 'not dead'

From Richard Long Wellington

Australia and New Zealand might be taking different paths over the Anzac row and the American bombing of Libya, but this did not mean that the Anzac spirit was withering or dead, Mr. David Lange, the Prime Minister, said.

"Australians and New Zealanders have never set down like cherubs agreeing to echo each other's sentiments. That is one of the best aspects of Anzac," he said.

Australia and New Zealand commemorate Anzac Day on Friday, a date which marks the First World War landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli. It was the ill-fated attempt to open a second front that coined the word Anzac — for the Australian-New Zealand Armoured Corps — which still stands as a symbol of co-operation.

But while Canberra and Wellington are taking a different view of some key issues these days, Mr. Lange said yesterday that this was just a healthy independence of view which did not alter the spirit of Anzac "exemplified by a common front to a potential enemy."

His comments at a press conference came just two days before a parliamentary select committee is to begin hearings into anti-nuclear legislation, which has angered Washington, London and Canberra. It will have the effect of blocking visits by the Royal Navy and American Navy ships.

Mr. Lange, who last week criticized the American raids on Libya, describing them as an over-reaction which risked provoking further terrorist attacks, reiterated his views yesterday.

# Cambodia formula rejected

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

The foreign ministers of Vietnam and Thailand made no progress in their search for a peaceful settlement of the Cambodian conflict now in its eighth year, during a meeting yesterday.

Statements afterwards by both sides made it clear that the talks got nowhere.

Mr. Nguyen Co Thang said he had refused to change Vietnam's position and despite Thai appeals would not reconsider his rejection of the peace plan recently put forward by the Cambodian resistance coalition which is recognized by the United Nations nor would he agree to meet coalition leaders.

The plan calls for a ceasefire in Cambodia to allow Vietnamese forces to withdraw and negotiations to establish a four-party government which would include the Vietnamese-sponsored regime of President Heng Samrin.

Mr. Thach ridiculed the plan as "stupid, stupid".

He said the Heng Samrin Government which controlled the whole country was being asked to surrender most of its authority to the coalition which had none.



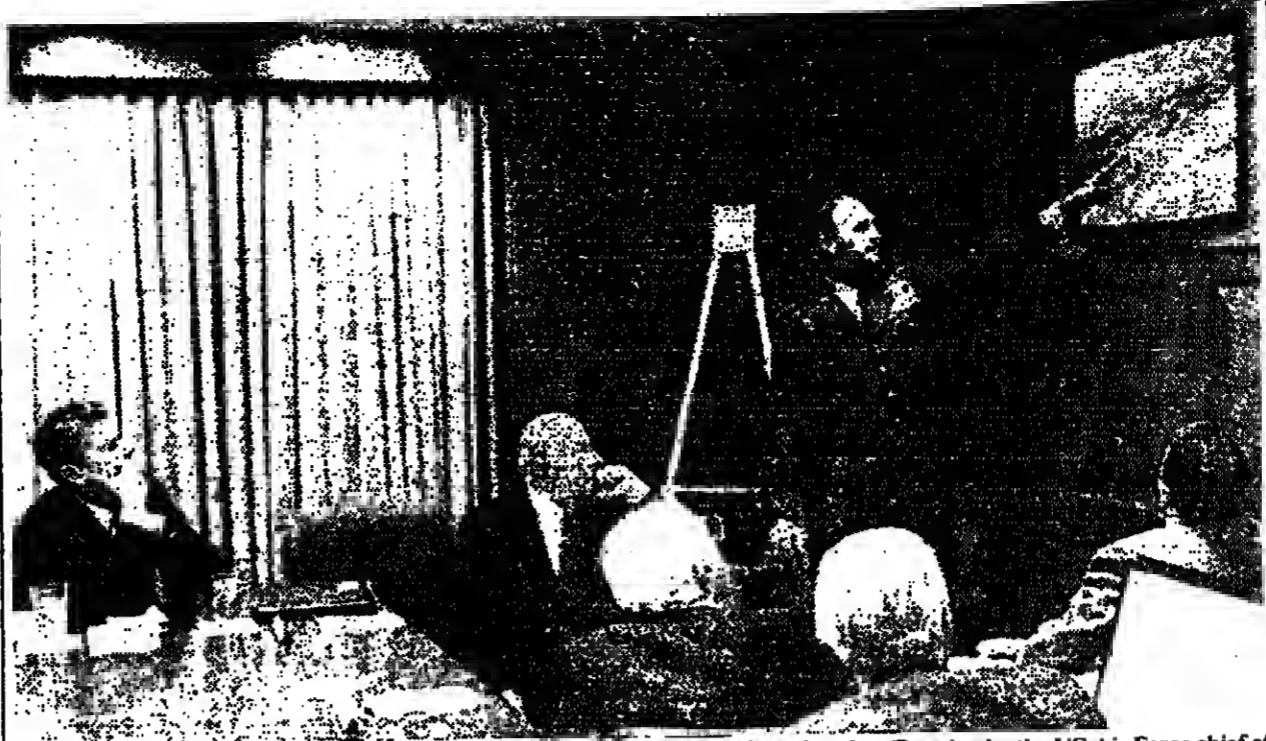
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# Israeli leaders reassure public as inquiry finding accuses banks

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israel's leaders went out of their way yesterday to reassure the public as to the strength and stability of the country's banking system. The banking community is in a state of deep shock after the publication of a public commission investigating events leading to the October 1983 bank shares collapse.



President Reagan sees the damage caused by the raid on Libya at a briefing given last Tuesday by the US Air Force chief of staff, General Charles Gabriel. The photograph was released last night.

# Libya crisis aftermath Hunt for foreigners goes on 100 planes as Britons leave Lebanon in UK exercise

By Our Foreign Staff

Beirut (AP, Reuter) - Twenty-one British evacuees from kidnap-plagued west Beirut sailed for Cyprus from the Christian port of Jounieh yesterday, officials said.

# Walker visit test of Moscow anger

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy arrived here last night to begin a four-day official visit. Diplomats expect it to provide a crucial test of Anglo-Soviet relations in the wake of Kremlin anger last week at Britain's role in assisting the American raids on Libya.

# America's escalating test needs

Los Alamos (NYT) - The number of nuclear explosions needed to perfect new types of nuclear arms is rising dramatically, according to government scientists here.

# Rome bureau link to murder plot

Rome (AP, Reuter) - Italian police have arrested a former Libyan Embassy employee in connection with an alleged plot to shoot the US Ambassador to Italy last year, an aide to Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, said yesterday.

# Woman burned in blast dies

Melbourne (Reuter) - A policewoman who ran from a car bomb blast three weeks ago with flames leaping from her skin has died in hospital and detectives say they still have no clues on who carried out Melbourne's worst terror attack.

# Drugs charge

Detroit (UPI) - A federal grand jury has charged a former Colombian consul-general to the US with conspiring to smuggle large quantities of cocaine into Detroit and other US cities.

# Mail message

Peking (AFP) - Postmen who throw stacks of letters in rivers and burn telegrams rather than deliver them will be severely punished, the People's Daily warned.

# Steppe watch

Moscow (AFP) - Pravda has warned of the danger of vast brush fires across the Soviet steppes, after revealing that giant blazes last summer ravaged areas of Mongolia.

# Break-up

Moscow (API) - A cargo spacecraft that carried fuel and water to two cosmonauts on board the Mir space station last month has separated from the main craft and broken up in its descent towards Earth, Tass said.

# No peeking

Naples (Reuter) - A Naples town official has proposed establishing a park where people can make love in their cars without worrying about peeping toms and thieves.

# Coal strike

Brussels (Reuter) - Coalminers began an unlimited strike, seeking a government promise not to close Belgium's last surviving mines or make redundant any of the loss-making industry's 18,600 workers.

# Hotel blaze

Tokyo (Reuter) - At least one person was killed, two are missing and 54 were injured when fire destroyed a wooden hotel at a coastal hot springs resort.

# Suva flood

Suva (Reuter) - Floods which killed at least eight people in Suva started receding in the Fiji capital. There was no information about nine children who were reported missing.

# Texas party

Houston (UPI) - An estimated 40,000 people jammed San Jacinto Memorial Park to start a two-day celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the republic of Texas.

# Wine death

Alessandria, Italy (Reuter) - An Italian woman aged 50 has died from drinking adulterated wine, bringing the total number of suspected victims to 22.

# Fire raisers

Frankfurt (Reuter) - Two youths arrested when fire swept through a new stretch of Frankfurt's underground rail network have confessed to starting the blaze after a drinking spree, West German police said.

# Rape claim

San Salvador (UPI) - Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas accused government troops of killing three children, raping a girl and disfiguring a corpse.

# Curtains up

Moscow (AFP) - Soviet theatres are to be allowed greater autonomy and actors, writers and directors given material incentives in a two-year experiment starting in January.

# US mistrust of Bonn's secrecy revealed

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

A series of leaks to a newspaper of secret dealings between the United States and West Germany about high technology has revealed the considerable extent to which the US does not trust the West Germans to keep American technological secrets away from Warsaw Pact countries.

# Ortega fears bomb plot by Reagan

El Crucero, Nicaragua (Reuter) - President Ortega of Nicaragua has accused the Reagan Administration of looking for a pretext to bomb or invade the country through a campaign linking the ruling Sandinistas to terrorism.

# Mozambique rebels routed by Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath, Harare

A military base in central Mozambique has changed hands for the third time in eight months, after a heavy assault by paratroopers of the Zimbabwe Army.

# Chile police open fire on students

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Massive military police operations in Chilean universities at the weekend were followed by the shooting of two men and the arrest of at least two women.

# France the odd man out in bombing protests

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Opinion in France is split over last week's American attack on Libya, but a significant majority of Frenchmen approve of the Government's decision not to allow US bombers to fly over France, according to a poll published yesterday.

# Four more blacks die in 'necklace' murders

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Four more blacks, one a policeman, have been killed in 'necklace' murders - killings in which a tyre filled with petrol is placed round the victim's neck and set on fire in South African townships.

# American study finds 13% illiterate

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

America's chronic illiteracy rate, long hidden behind a screen of dubious official figures, has been put at 13 per cent of the entire adult population by the Census Bureau.







# It's not just The Stock Exchange which faces immense opportunities this year.

The Stock Exchange exists for only one reason.

It is a market.

Where industry can raise the money it needs, flexibly and efficiently.

And where people can invest their savings, whether directly or through institutions acting on their behalf.

The purpose of The Stock Exchange has not changed for centuries: but the way it is organised has.

This year, a number of very important changes are taking place within a short period of time.

They have attracted much attention. A new phrase - the "Big Bang" - has been coined to describe them.

But the fact is that they represent not so much a sudden and explosive revolution, as the latest stage in a process of change and development which began many years ago.

A process which, taken as a whole, is designed to make The Stock Exchange a very much more open market.

More open to investors, both in Britain and overseas, to buy and sell shares easily and on competitive terms.

More open to industry, to find ready and appropriate sources of funds.

And more open to new members, because The Stock Exchange is now in a position to expand very greatly in size.

## The reasons for change

There are two main reasons for this process of change.

The first is the huge and fast growth in the capabilities of information technology.

Distance has shrunk. People all over the world can be in touch with each other in an instant. Work processes have been vastly accelerated.

Despite the substantial costs, The Stock Exchange has consistently invested in computer systems, and has now undertaken its largest investment yet - in a screen-based dealing system which will effectively bring the entire floor of The Stock Exchange to the desk of every broker in the country.

Such a system not only offers faster, more efficient and less expensive dealing, but also removes at a stroke the physical limitation on the size and location of the market.

The second reason is that national boundaries have become less important to the securities industry. Exchange controls no longer exist in the UK.

Institutions in the USA, Japan, UK and elsewhere have become more willing, and more able, to seek investment opportunities beyond their domestic markets: and in the same way, industry has become more willing, and more able, to look overseas for sources of funds - especially to the Euromarkets.

In short, the trend is leading towards the inter-

nationalisation of the securities industry.

It's a trend which presents great opportunities.

The Stock Exchange itself is, literally, in the right place, at the right time, to consolidate and develop its position as one of the world's most important and active exchanges, together with those in Tokyo and New York.

The benefits of the resulting changes are by no means confined to The Stock Exchange.

For individual investors, there is the prospect of a very much more accessible market - where there are brokers with the resources to deal for them, on the spot and without difficulty, in even the smallest numbers of shares.

For institutional investors, there is the prospect of buying and selling shares for their clients at reduced cost - and, before long, as computer links make connections between the London Stock Exchange and exchanges overseas, of trading in securities 24 hours a day, around the world.

For industry, the new market will be better equipped than ever to meet its demands for capital.

But for the country as a whole, the opportunities are greater still: because The Stock Exchange will be better able to play its part in the development of London as a world financial centre - a centre whose success depends upon the success of its major institutions.

All of these opportunities will flow from the changes which have already been made at The Stock Exchange, and the changes now being planned.

Consider them in turn.

## What has been done

A basic readiness to initiate change, and a willingness to respond to commercial pressures, has already made far-reaching and fundamental measures possible.

To summarise only a few: in the last ten years The Stock Exchange has reformed its administration and its disciplinary procedures; it has introduced two new markets (the USM, to meet the capital needs of smaller businesses, and the traded options market, to enable investors to lay off risk); it has invested in a fully computerised settlement system and a new market price information system, TOPIC; and it has changed its rules of membership to allow outside ownership of Stock Exchange member firms and to allow new members to join The Stock Exchange in their own right.

Yet during this remarkable time of change, even more remarkable has been the commitment to some unchanging values.

Notably, the obligation to use the full force of

The Stock Exchange's regulatory powers in the interests of investors.

It is a commitment which will remain, as the pace of change quickens through the course of this year and beyond.

## What remains to be done

The next stages in The Stock Exchange's continuum of change are of the very greatest significance.

Later this year will come the developments generally known as the "Big Bang" - the move to a screen-based dealing system, and the abolition of brokers' minimum commissions.

At present, The Stock Exchange is engaged in the building of a completely new electronic market place, SEAQ, which will include not only the display of market information, but also a complete recording of all trading done on The Stock Exchange. A system for overseas securities, SEAQ International, is already in place.

At the same time, the settlement system is being overhauled, expanded and updated.

A new system is planned to handle the fully automatic execution of small bargains which will help cut costs for private investors: and another will facilitate the trading of large blocks of shares.

It is an ambitious and expensive programme: but it is fundamental to The Stock Exchange's future competitiveness.

So too is the work in progress to manage change in the field of regulation.

The new market will require new techniques of surveillance and policing. The Stock Exchange must not only plan the development of its own procedures, but also engage in the debate to do with the Financial Services Bill, which will define the boundaries between statutory and non-statutory regulation.

Further plans under consideration will tackle the question of dealing in wholly unlisted securities, and the growth potential in the traded options market.

And finally, change is by no means confined to the trading floor of the exchange. On the upper floors too, where the governing council meets, reforms will be made in order to satisfy both the aspirations of new members, and the legitimate concerns of existing members.

Every one of these many developments is running to its timetable. The signs are that a fine balance between evolution and revolution will be achieved, and that the new market will offer new levels of competitiveness and flexibility, with no loss of order and regulation.

Naturally, this is good news for The Stock Exchange.

But, as this advertisement has sought to show, it is also good news for London, for industry, and the country as a whole.

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# Such harmony, such discord

# Muffin ventured, yuppie gained

Sir Yehudi Menuhin, pictured here by Snowdon to mark his 70th birthday today, talks to Alan Franks about the conflicts between his public and private lives



Bowing out: Sir Yehudi Menuhin, who has thrilled concert audiences for 63 years, will be scaling down his public performances from this month.

**A**t 70, Sir Yehudi Menuhin remains the unresolved discord that he has always been, infinitely less harmonious to his own inner ear than to the concert hall audiences of the world, to whom he has been playing for 63 years.

For this, his parents are to blame, no less than they are to be commended for having reared a musician who, even on the threshold of old age, still holds fast to the utopianism of a teenage prodigy.

At the risk of labouring the musical analogy, he emerges, by his own admission, as a melody condemned for ever to alternate between the major and the minor modes, the first being the legacy of his late father, who glowed in Yehudi's public goodness, and the second being that of his mother, now 90, who still wishes he could belong more to himself than to the world, and develop the more ruminative side of his character.

Meanwhile, the boy himself seems resigned to this existence at the middle point between *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso*, even though the very expression of that condition leads him to the remorse of non-fulfilment.

"I say that I am as busy as ever, not with pride but with a certain embarrassment, because there is this dream which I have not managed to realize — a dream simply of taking my wife out to the theatre and the opera, and of being a little bit the father to my children. Then there is my natural yearning to spend more time at the [Yehudi Menuhin] school in Surrey."

He says that from this month he will be scaling down his public commitments, but in this respect at least his resolution remains to be proven. Midway through his fourth score the schedule of performances is as daunting as it ever was, and his travelling mistress, the violin, as fervent in her demands and as rewarding in her responses.

This is not quite the scurriously reference it may sound, for in the book which he publishes today he portrays the instrument as nothing less than his grand passion.

"From the handling of the violin I have learnt lessons that apply to other areas of life. With its requirements it is almost like a pagan goddess, exacting a certain tribute, in that you can't look after her or expect her kindness or consideration unless you worship her in the right way."

There is a colossal sense of tragedy in his ageing countenance, above all in the forehead which is at once furrowed by close concentration on his demanding lover and yet made disquiet by the massive preoccupations which music has brought him. There is also the air of a man for whom doubt is finally clouding

the guiding ideology — namely that art in general and music in particular are agents for unifying a world formed with massive fissures.

**H**e explained: "I always think of music as therapy. There is this conflict between what people call reality and what they call ideas. The arts have always been considered as something decorative and dispensable simply because they don't enter into the calculations of those who seek power, or have merely to survive the day. If you have to do that, I mean if you have to find food, then the most you would have expected in the old days would be a beautifully decorated club or a finely designed dining room... you would have to secure leisure for yourself before you could decorate the sword rather than just have a good blade."

"Therefore the element of art has always been associated with societies that have enjoyed some degree of stability. When they are in the process of destroying themselves physically, and are overrun with fear and hatred, then I think that at that point music... well, they have rejected it."

Menuhin's life, as he would be the first to admit, has been a fortuitous accident of place and history, a

latterday classical version of the traditional Jewish "fiddler on the roof" finding himself able to proselytize on the world stage, through the possession of a prodigious gift. The personal cost of that gift has been awesome, and the burden of something akin to atonement seems to sit on his every utterance.

"I have so much to be grateful for. My family, wife, the violin, the good timing. For example, if it had been, say, 20 years earlier or later, things might not have been the same. I had the luck of good timing in relation to the two world wars, with relation to my parents' move to America, with relation to the age I was when I could travel. I have had that marvellous fortune that in the course of my life everything — my development, my age and my efforts — has all fallen on fertile ground."

Today, after many years living in north London, Menuhin and his wife, the former ballet dancer Diana Gould, occupy a large house in Belgravia. When he is at home he still practises for three hours a day in his studio at the top of the building, reached by a lift that rises through the masonry with the speed of continental drift.

Tokens of his past stand wherever the eye roams — the signed photographs of world leaders which are ranged on the piano top, the Epstein

lust above the stairs, the old Paganini concert posters with their dated scrambles of type faces — and in the midst of all this cultural archaeology of more than half a century sits Menuhin himself, presiding over those emblems of a career which recedes into his own boyhood.

**F**our months ago he was compelled to stop practising the violin while an inflamed tendon in his left wrist healed. In what he describes as "a rather Old Testament manner", he had interpreted the affliction as retribution for not having put in enough time on his playing, which led him to aggravate it by trying to make amends.

"I carry the past as I want to carry the future", he says. "I feel that people who say we have one life and that it is ours to do with as we want are wrong. I do have this strong sense of living with the past, because without it there can be no future. My life is not my own; no one's is. It is something that is merely ours on trust, lent to us to make the best of it that we can."

"You know, the other day I brought back the slice of a petrified tree trunk from Brazil, which was growing 220 million years ago. I was so fascinated by it that if I could conceive of an object of idolatry,

like a golden calf, I suppose, I would choose this bit of tree."

"It has rings, so that you can see that it actually lived for a given number of years, and so there must have been a forest — animals, worms, moosekeys maybe, birds... and here we are, wondering how we'll survive now that we've brought the world to this terrible state, and there's this evidence of all those millions of years. That piece of trunk — I use it merely to give myself a sense of proportion."

The conversation returns to his mother, and with it comes those cadences of speech which seem to make each sentence end with a dying fall. At the same time that ferocious concentration which can so easily double as a look of the purest sadness, descends on the brow.

"She has this fierce power, this incredible determination. Not one of your gentle Yiddisher mamas. Much more Russian than Jewish. She doesn't say as much, but I know that for her this idea of selling one's wares to the public, of playing for fares is not, well..." The sentence tails away, unresolved.

*Life Class by Yehudi Menuhin is published today by Heinemann (price £8.95).*

Cranberry, corn or apple? That is the choice facing Massachusetts legislators in the question of the Official State Muffin.

The proposal to adopt the corn muffin — staple food of the early settlers — as the officially-sanctioned state food symbol has enormous potential for producers, both in sales and publicity, which explains why the cranberry and apple-producing lobbies delayed the budget debate to put their case. Cranberry juice is already the official state drink, but apples have yet to stake their claim among the state symbols. A similar battle — this time between the lobster and potato factions — looms in Maine.

Food has long been big business in the United States, but never before has it been taken quite so seriously. Every other college now has courses in food production and food sciences. The Ivy League universities may not yet offer degrees in Baking and Pastry Skills (you'd have to go to Baltimore's Culinary Arts Institute for that). But "food stylists" and culinary historians home in on Cambridge, Mass. for the 2,300-volume Radcliffe College cookbook collection. Housed in the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, it covers the whole spectrum of food writing, from *Uncle Ben's Magic of Rice* to *The Political Palate: A Feminist Vegetarian Cookbook* by the Bloodroot Collective.

One of American public television's most popular shows is the *Fragrant Gourmet*, a zany performance by the Rev Jeff Smith, a former university chaplain who graduated from the seminar room to the kitchen. Now owner of the Chaplain's Pastry in Tacoma, Washington, he is among a growing army of unlikely-sounding recruits to the food trade.

Among the Yuppie set, the search for the better bagel can be just as competitive as the struggle up the executive ladder: Hosts of "gourmet" take-out shops, with catchy

**Upwardly mobile Americans are gripped by a food fever that has even spread into politics, says Sally Dugan**

virtually meaningless. There are endless books with titles such as *The High Fibre/Low Fat/Diabetic Gourmet*. There is gourmet popcorn, gourmet cat and dog food, even gourmet air freshener (Guaranteed Free from Any Toxic Substance). And there is *Gourmet* magazine, a glossy confection of recipes and gastronomic tidbits with an enviable ability to ignore events beyond the dining room table. Launched in the unlikely year of 1941, it reassured its first readers that American usuary factors had "bustalicious" of good foods to rush to appetite's defence" in case war interfered with choice European imports.

The April 1986 issue has a fashionably raspberry-flavoured front and a nod in the



**Hot competition in search of a better bagel**

names such as the Silver Palate and A Moveable Feast have opened up to cater for the demand.

"There are very few pleasures in life that we can control. Eating is one", says Norma Wasserman, a professional painter who "discovered" food while a student in London. She runs two food shops in Cambridge, Mass, and paints at weekends. Recently, she had a portrait hung at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington DC — and found herself mobbed at the reception by people wanting to know the secrets not of her palette, but of her palate.

"Gourmet" is the catchword of the moment, a word so over-used it has become

direction of fast food with an article on "cuisine courante".

For the ultimate in specialist food publications, there is *Chocolate News* — brown and actually smelling of chocolate — and the lush bi-monthly *Chocolatier*, an ad-man's dream. Along with exotic fruits, pasta and all things Italian, chocolate is one of the current "in" foods. American per capita consumption rose from 9.7lb in 1984 to 12lb in 1985 — and manufacturers are falling over themselves to find new ways of using it.

Yuppie Gourmet Inc. of Racine, Wisconsin, recently announced the birth of the chocolate-covered potato crisp. And that old standby, the chocolate chip cookie, invented by a Massachusetts housewife in 1929 — is increasingly more chocolate than chip.

At the other end of the price scale are the designer chocolate shops, which look more like jewellers than grocery stores. And like jewellers, they specialize in wish fulfillment. For less than \$20 Chocolate Designs of Houston, Texas, will model you a ten-inch high pink coat or a Ferrari — all in solid chocolate.

## ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH YES OR NO

Would you treat a child suffering from leukaemia?	
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## A bird's inviting song

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**Brown study**  
The newborn young of many mammals are born with a special form of fat called brown fat. Its prime function is to produce heat during the first critical days after birth.

In one group of mammals, the marsupials of Australia and South America, the young are born in a very underdeveloped state after very short gestations. These tiny offspring (less than one tenth of their mother's weight) continue to grow as an external foetus.

Until recently marsupials were thought to lack brown fat. Now, research shows that in one species of marsupial (the Bennett's wallaby) brown fat develops some months after birth, just before the young joey leaves the pouch. This is perhaps the physiological equivalent of birth since the joey needs to maintain its body temperature away from the pouch. This discovery means that this unique heat-producing tissue may have a very long evolutionary history: marsupials evolved as a separate group some 120 million years ago.

**Call of the deep**  
Insight into the behaviour of elephant seals comes from a recent paper in the *Journal of Zoology*. The female northern elephant seal lands in California each year for five weeks to give birth and nurse her young to independence. In the process, she loses a third of her body weight. She returns to the sea to feed then, two-and-a-half months later, briefly returns to moult.

Scientists at the University of California attached depth recorders to a nursing female. During her first 11 days at sea, she spent 89 per cent of her time under water in dives averaging 20 minutes, with less than three minutes on surface between dives. Her average depth was 1,100ft with a maximum of 2,050ft (the deepest seal dive on record, and one which may have taken her to the edge of the continental shelf). While diving the seal may drift into partial sleep, cutting its oxygen use.

**Dr Andrew Loudon**  
The author is a research fellow at the Institute of Zoology

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Back on the hippy trail

The absolute beginning for denim was the American blue jean. Levi Strauss in the 1850s was the first to adapt serge de Nimes, as it was originally known, to clothing. His double seams and rivets were put to the test by American dustbowl farmers and labourers at the turn of the century.

It wasn't until the early 1950s that denim achieved a certain notoriety. It was the anarchic style of the American motorcycle gangs in leather jackets and jeans that gave Marlon Brando his look for the "Wild One". James Dean was quick to follow suit and he too scowled his way to stardom in faded blue. These cult movie heroes introduced denim to the British youth for the first time. And as Brando grew up and James Dean drove his Chevy to the levee, rock 'n' roll thundered in. Levi's current advertising campaign shows brooding Elvis Presley look-alikes wearing their five-pocket westerns in late shape. But while the creators of the original red-tag 501s (today's favourite label) hark back to the nostalgic days of rock 'n' roll, the summer of '86 will see denim back on the hippy trail.

The flower-power generation put the strength of denim to the ultimate test. Their uniform waistcoats and jeans were anti-fashion, personalized with rips and studs. A hippy wasn't hip without a "make love not war" badge sewn on to a back pocket.

But the most dedicated drop-outs would shake in their Jesus boots at the diamante trimming and designer rips which are Katharine Hamnett's interpretation of the hippy heyday. Hamnett takes a raunchy tongue-in-cheic look at the late Sixties. Her figure-hugging bustier tops and mini-skirts are a caricature of skinny midriff tops and frayed-edge bermudas.

Joe Casaley Hayford, owner of the Whistles shops in London, has backed denim in a big way this year. "Jackets trimmed with cartoon characters, appliqued chambray shirts and mini-skirts all have hippy overtones but without the down-and-out scruffy image." The fade-in-the-wash appeal also applies to indigo-dyed cotton sweaters with roll-necks and thick cable patterns by the French design company Pold.

Designers taking denim off the hippy trail include Lolita Lepnicka, a French designer who has added chic to hip and put denim on the city streets. The last few punks loitering in the Kings Road can watch her slim-skirts and structured tops in their favourite fabric walking out of Whistles. Other French designers thinking along the same lines are Karl Lagerfeld, who has swapped rivets for gilt buttons and put denim on the Paris catwalk for Chanel, and Azzedine Alaïa, who has cut it on the curve for wide-shouldered, tight-waisted tops and short, sassy skirts.

Ralph Lauren, the designer who brought us the prairie look with chambray skirts and bandanna handkerchiefs is still designing denim in the rough. His tough jackets lined

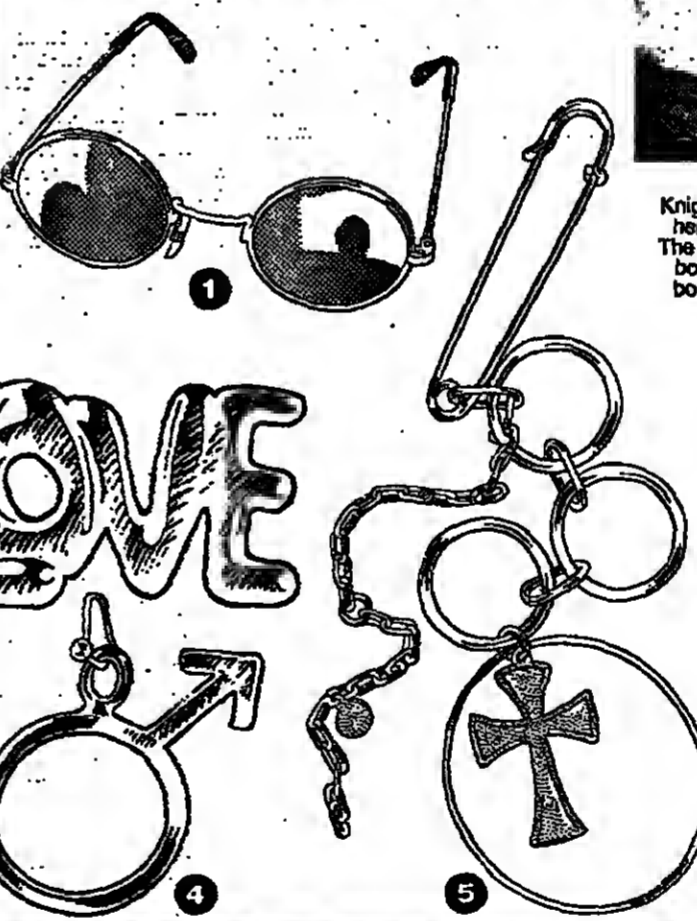


Denim jacket with lace trimmed collar, £93 from Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1. Antique silver necklaces and earrings from a selection at Liberty's, Regent Street, W1. Head-wrap from a selection of printed scarves at Accessorize, 22 The Market, Covent Garden, WC2.

Orange knitted cotton polo-neck vest, £85 by Pold from Whistles, 12-14 Christophers Place, W1 and branches. Stone-washed fringed jeans, £55 by Joe Casaley Hayford from Jones, Kings Road SW1 and Floral Street, WC2, and the Warehouse, Glasgow. Beaded zulu headband, £89 from Liberty's, Regent Street, W1. Buddha hoop earrings, £48; armband with charms, £46; embossed silver armband, £46 all by Gary Wright and Sheila Teague from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1 and Revlon in Cheltenham. Straw hat decorated with ribbons by Samson.

with tartan and worn with wide-legged jeans are for the healthy outdoor man. He has cleaned up the image of the lumberjack with his rough-wear collection, and pretified a woman's denim jacket with a lace collar. The denim industry was flagging when designer jeans arrived. Gloria Vanderbilt embroidered her name across a million bellies and Calvin Klein followed suit with a steamy advertising campaign that made some critics hot under their immaculate Klein collars. Other manufacturers deserted their cult following and experimented with lighter-weight fabrics, even changing the colour. Black denim was an unsuccessful spit-off which proved to the industry that when we want our jeans customizing, we'll do it ourselves thank you. The appeal of designer denim is short-lived in contrast to the constant popularity of basic indigo dyed cotton jeans. Media-hype and clever advertising has cottoned on to a youth market that wants the real thing. Young consumers have proved that authentic brand names are more important than any fly-by-night fashion craze. And while classic blue jeans have found a place in the V&A, first-time buyers should treasure their trousers and remember that old blue magic.

Rebecca Tyrrel  
Suzy Menkes is on holiday



Red suede fringed jacket, £140 by Genal from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. White silk shirt, £78.50 by Katharine Hamnett from her shop at 50 South Molton Street, W1, Equation, Clifton, Bristol and The Warehouse, Glasgow. Denim skirt, £35, white leather boots, £54.99 both from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1 and branches. Silver and bone drop earrings, £39 from Liberty's, Regent Street, W1. Tortoiseshell sunglasses from a selection at Jones, Kings Road Hair and Make up by Wendy Sudd.

- 1. Red "John Lennon" wire rimmed sunglasses, £4.95, also available in blue, silver and gold.
2. Silver "Love" lettering brooch, £5.95.
3. Incense burner earrings, £50 by Eric Beamon from Liberty's, Regent Street, W1 and XYZ, Hampstead, NWS.
4. Silver metal fertility symbol earrings, £4.95.
5. Hells Angel silver pin with hoops and cross, £25 all from Zora at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1.
6. Gold hoop earrings with razor fish drops, £60 by Eric Beamon from Beazar, 34 Brook Street, W1, Liberty's, Regent Street, W1 and XYZ, Hampstead, NWS.
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Away with the suit, on with the shorts

Tunics, breeches, stockings... the simple male suit has seen off all attempts at reform.

Contemplating the current glaucous/hairy look - teetering high heels and tight glittering garments - one is tempted to agree with Robert Burton in his Anatomy of Melancholy, that women "annoyn and paint their faces, crush in their feet and bodies, and hurt and crucifie themselves", all in the cause of fashion which Oscar Wilde describes as "a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months".

Ever since men sobered down in their dress at the end of the eighteenth century, women in contrast appear to have become more capricious in their clothing, and more prepared to be uncomfortable in pursuit of the current fashion aesthetic. Modest attempts at organized dress reform, from Mrs Bloomer's loose trousers in the mid 19th century to the Sensible Dress Society of the late 1920s, which tried to keep in fashion the comfortable, loose-fitting knee-length dresses typical of that decade of sartorial eman-

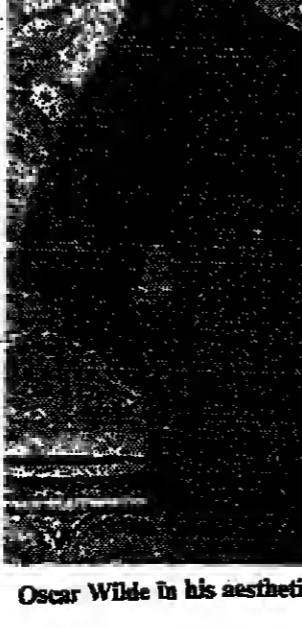
ipation, all met with scant success. Today's dress reformers, if they can be called that, cannot suggest much that is practical for women other than various versions of men's dress; and indeed it is with some envy that women might regard the male suit, which evolved in the late seventeenth century, and which has been the basic wear for men on most occasions. It is an outfit which is both uniform and expressive of personality - think of Derek Hatton's rather sharp suits, and the more casual lines of President Reagan's, which look inspired by the "drape"

Silk blouse at the May Ball?

suits of the late 1940s. By the same token, evening dress for men both haters and aboletes them of the worry of choice. Over the last hundred or so years, however, there have been periodic grumbings over the sobriety and uniformity of male dress, and some attempts at reform. In the late nineteenth century a number of writers and artists (Oscar Wilde was one), reviling the costume of industrial man, tried unsuccessfully to return to the dress of the past, suggesting various kinds of "medieval" outfits, such as

tunic and hose, or a kind of eighteenth-century dress with knee-breeches.

In the late 1920s, inspired by the relative ease and simplicity of female dress, another attempt was made at men's dress reform, to make men



turn away from what Eric Gill called "the clothes of clerks", towards bright and comfortable athletic clothes. In a deliberate effort to remove dress reform from the suspect aesthetic and somewhat effeminate image of Wilde and his circle, the

members of the Men's Dress Reform Party, founded in 1929, wished to promote a hearty masculinity in costume, notably by the wearing of shorts.

In a letter to The Times in June of that year, the secretary of the new society stated the views of his members, most of whom wished for shorts (though a few wanted the kilt); he himself (a Dr Jordan) advocated a kind of jacket and shorts suit made of "fine worsted or cashmere; good stockings to match", an open-necked shirt, and sandals. Shorts were, of course, associated in the public mind with sport (especially football) and with boys. Although Lord Baden-Powell, a supporter of the MDRP, wore shorts even when receiving an honorary degree, along with his cap and gown, it was too much a break with convention for men to wear them at work, for instance. It was even less likely that they would be adopted, as some of the dress reformers wanted, for evening wear; although Jordan in 1930 urged young men attending Cambridge May Balls to wear "a silk blouse, satin shorts and silk stockings", he himself preferred the tunic and sandals. "Let us go gay" pleaded Ernest Dunsiger at a Dress Reform Dinner Debate in 1932 (the motion, proposed by C.E.M. Joad, was "that men must be re-dressed"), but the

reformers could not decide on what they should wear. The members of the MDRP engaged in a flurry of activity during the 1930s; newspaper articles, debates, rambles and "dress reform revels" helped to promote the cause. Reading the surviving accounts, there is that mixture of individual eccentricity which is peculiarly English. It is difficult to say

how far these dress reformers influenced the trend throughout the Thirties towards lighter and brighter casual clothes for men; sport and the vast growth in the holiday industry must have been much more important an inspiration. Since then, we have heard nothing little more on the subject of dress reform; it is not clear how serious George Orwell was when in 1945 he urged a new kind of evening dress based on the battle-dress, which would be "truly national". We are all resistant, it seems, to changes in dress which do not naturally evolve out of a preceding style, and those urging reform cry in the wilderness.

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Dressed for battle

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## Changed Priorities

If James Prior's son David still nurtures hopes of being selected to fight his father's Waiveny seat, he can forget them for the moment. Although it has not yet been announced, the former Northern Ireland Secretary's seat is going to Prior's own agent, David Porter — a move which is already infuriating Tories in the know. "It is simply not on for an agent to stand for the seat — it's like an NCO shooting his troop officer in the back," says his informant. "Porter should at least have had the decency to try elsewhere." Porter is unashamed. "I know it's almost unobtainable, but I am a local in the area," he says. My candidacy will be announced next week.

## Biter bit

Jack Aspinwall, one of the leading Tory rebels who voted against the Sunday Trading Bill, has an embarrassing confession to make. The MP for Wandsworth and director of the Sacrum family firm of food shops was recently found in a DIY shop on a Sunday afternoon laden with wallpaper and other household accessories. "I was buying the wallpaper for an elderly member of the constituency," explained Aspinwall. "I voted against the bill because I am against total deregulation."

## Barren Fields

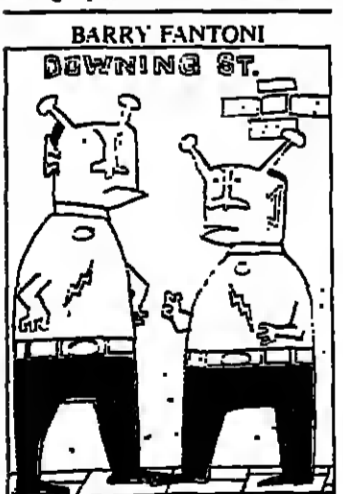
It is not turning out to be Randolph Field's year. Only weeks after he postponed the launch of his new airline, Highland Express, having failed to raise the necessary finance, the courts have again found against him. In 1984 Fields was ordered to pay full costs for a serious contempt in delaying the return of documents he had seized through an Anton Pillar order against barristers who had quit his Grays Inn, London, chambers. The Court of Appeal ruled the order should never have been granted. Now the High Court has dismissed all but one of Fields' claims, including one for breach of confidence, against his former barristers and clerks. His Honour Judge Gerald Butler awarded common fund costs against him.

## Vision off

Don't expect an even-break if you live in the inner city. I hired a television set and video recorder from Visionhire in Islington, paying extra for insurance. Ten days later, my flat was burgled and the video was stolen. Because I was burgled so soon after installation, Visionhire is refusing to rent me another video, and intends to repossess my TV as well. Bang goes Dallas...

## Bible thumper

The Reverend Ian Paisley has been treating delegates of the Democratic Unionists' annual conference in Belfast to the kind of wit for which he is renowned in Northern Ireland but which mainland television viewers rarely experience. I am told the tale which raised the biggest laugh was of the Protestant who returned home from church singing the praises of the preacher. "I don't know where that fellow gets his texts from, but today's sermon was brilliant all about St Paul taking a pistol to the Fenians."



**BARRY FANTONI**  
**DOWNING ST.**  
I said "Take me to your leader" and they told me to try the White House"

## Art attack

Princess Michael of Kent has taken to wearing advertising slogans to promote a commercial art gallery — of which she is a paid director — while in the company of the Royal Family. Yesterday observers suggested it may be more appropriate if she wore a slogan promoting the hard-pressed Victoria and Albert Museum — of which she is an unpaid trustee. The Princess was photographed at Badminton at the weekend with the slogan "MacConnell-Masoo Gallery Equestrian Event Team" on her Sloane Ranger-style jacket. She is not in the team, nor has she ridden any of her events. Yesterday the gallery said "with deference to the princess", that riders must be very experienced to qualify for the team. The Princess's directorship of the MacConnell-Masoo gallery in London has already caused ructions within the art establishment. Critics claim it conflicts with her V & A role. (She has voted on a V & A purchase worth several millions). Others such as Hugh Leggett of the Museums and Galleries Commission, says it does not. Yesterday the princess's spokesman said "Perhaps the V & A will give her a slogan to wear next year?"

# America's badge of courage

by Stepan T Karatayev

The United States administration has described its action against Libya as an act of self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. I find it hard to accept that the US should require such a narrowly formulated defence. The action was in reality a protective measure to safeguard the whole civilized world from the cancerous tumour of state terrorism.

The past 45 years have shown us how many sacrifices the American nation has made to protect freedom. The heroic struggle of the American armed forces in the Pacific theatre and their dynamic contribution to the battle for Europe saved western civilization from the plague of Nazism and ensured the success of the Allied campaigns.

In the 1950s the United States bore the principal burden of a difficult war in Korea and as a result preserved an independent South Korean state, whose current essential prosperity is due both to American investment and to continued US protection from the aggressive stance of North Korea.

From 1960 to 1970 the United States fought a courageous campaign against the barefaced aggression of a communist totalitarian state — North Vietnam. Unfortunately, due to the influence of those same defeatist and

"progressive" elements now condemning America for her action against Libya, the United States was forced to abandon this region. Consequently, independent states — the Republic of South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos — fell under the Communist yoke.

In the past 10 years only American diplomatic, economic and military assistance has preserved outposts of moderation in the Middle East. The vigilance of the United States is preventing the spread of totalitarianism in Africa and Central America.

The American military presence, guarantees the freedom, democratic government and national independence of all the countries of Western Europe. These include countries which deny the right of American aircraft to overfly them; countries which declare themselves to be "nuclear-free", those which do not wish to make a proper financial contribution to the defence of Europe; and even the so-called neutrals.

And now America, supported by only one brave nation, Great Britain, has taken the courageous course of resolute and practical combat with international terrorism, sending out a timely signal to all dictators and tyrants — above all to the terrorists' chief "rear support" country, the Soviet Union. Naturally the USSR is actively and

cynically exploiting this situation. It sees it as an opportunity to foment anti-American and anti-British feeling in the world and to create tension within the western alliance. Moscow knows perfectly well what kind of leader Colonel Gaddafi is, the nature of his regime and his personal involvement in international terrorism. Nevertheless the Soviet Union publicly defends Libya, and has provided it with massive supplies of military equipment. Against this background, Soviet protestations that it seeks only to promote peace in the Middle East ring hollow.

The time will come when tyrannical regimes will begin to disappear, passions will be spent and the nations of the world will appreciate the essential contribution made by the US, and Great Britain to the fight against aggression, state terrorism and international lawlessness.

I should like to believe that the truth about the motives of the American and British leaders will in time reach the peoples of the USSR and prove to be one of the first steps in restoring Russia to the family of free, civilized nations. This is the dream of every Russian patriot. *Stepan T Karatayev is the pseudonym of a Soviet political historian visiting the West.*

## George Graham finds privatization failing to sort out contract tangles

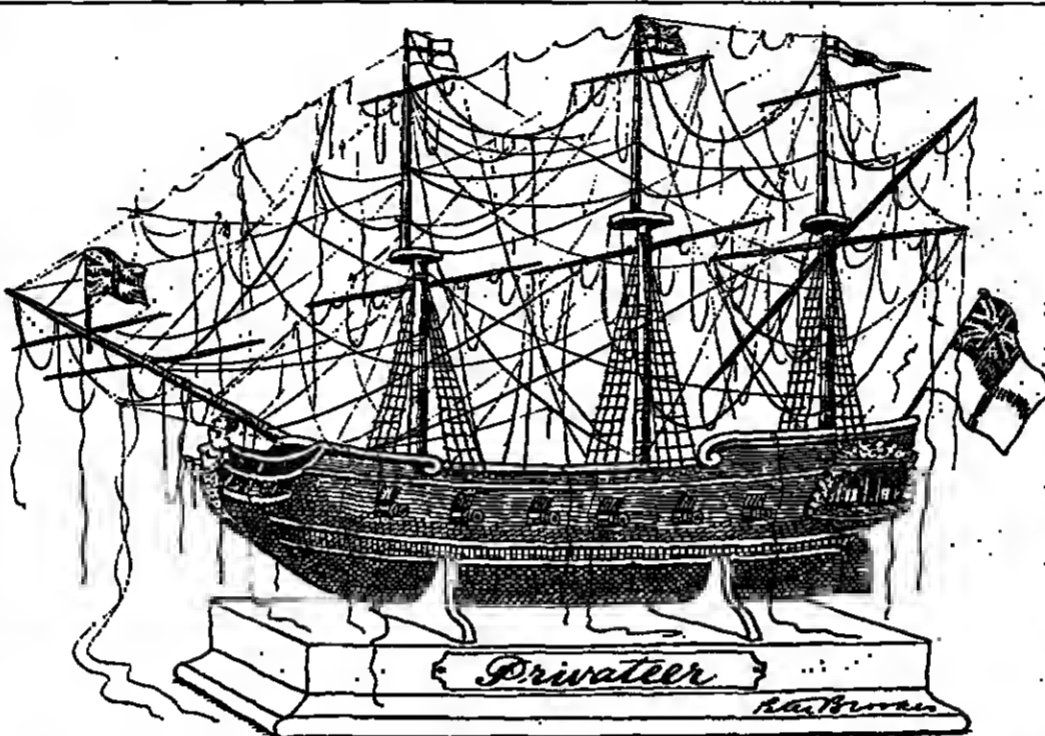
One of the most alluring gains from pushing Britain's warship building yards into the private sector was surely the prospect that the Ministry of Defence could order ships on a straightforward commercial basis. The defence establishment, urged to improve its procurement policy, must have dreamt that decisions would no longer be based on a mixture of short-term political necessity, regional policy and the financial interests of British Shipbuilders or its sponsoring Department of Trade and Industry.

The members of Cabinet committees now know that the prospect was only a dream. Late last week they thrashed out yet again the arguments over who will get the £240 million order for the first two of a new class of auxiliary oil replenishment vessels (AORs); they must now be well aware that the process of moving from public to private makes decisions even more complex. In this tricky instance the transfer is incomplete — newly privatized Swan Hunter is competing with a consortium led by state-owned Harland and Wolff. But even when the transfer is complete, naval orders are likely to remain more rather than less subject to political lobbying than in the days of the nationalized industry.

In theory, there was competitive naval tendering by yards within British Shipbuilders even before the main warshipbuilding yards were privatized. But in some circumstances, especially where there might be only one supplier (as for Trident submarines), the MoD would negotiate a contract with one yard without tendering. In practice, British Shipbuilders, as the parent company, would naturally attempt to share out the orders to prevent yards being without work and losing jobs. This process became more important than ever when the decision had been made to sell the warship yards. Marginally viable yards such as Swan Hunter and Cammell Laird needed contracts to help them into the private sector, if necessary at the expense of traditionally profitable yards such as Yarrow or Vosper Thornycroft.

The so-called composite yards that have traditionally built both merchant and naval vessels have pushed harder into naval business to counteract the continuing dearth of merchant orders. Swan Hunter, one of the country's biggest yards, fetched only £5 million when it was sold to managers early this year on special terms — even with the strong prospect if not the promise of AOR orders. Managers and City investors have made it clear that they would not have put in a penny if they had thought the orders were in doubt. For the appeal of the company was a design-based specialization in naval support vessels that could be exported. Swan says its design team could not survive the loss of the AOR battle.

Before privatization, there could at least be a clear separation of Whitehall's powers. The MoD awards the contract on the basis of tenders. It is up to the sponsoring



## Why the yards are still yoked to Whitehall

department — normally the DTI but in Harland's case the Northern Ireland Office — to worry about any subsidies.

Given Cabinet politics, it did not always work out that way. In January last year, for example, Michael Heseltine as defence secretary pushed one of the last two orders for later-model Type 22 frigates to Cammell Laird, a positive move by the champion of Merseyside to save the yard from closure. Economy would have dictated that both orders, rather than just the other one, went to Swan Hunter on Tyne-side. To make up for this, the MoD agreed to negotiate the order for the second Type 23 frigate with Swan Hunter although Yarrow, which had built the first Type 23, was anxious to tender. Those negotiations are still on.

Clearly, this sort of mess could not survive privatization. One of the terms of sale, crucially in the case of Swan Hunter, was that the DTI would protect the yard from subsidized competing tenders from state yards, notably Harland and Wolff.

Enter the Northern Ireland Office. Tom King's men eventually went along with the no-subsidy policy, confining subsidies to Harland's merchant shipping business. When Swan's confident managers suspected that Harland had submitted a lower tender than Swan Hunter's second attempt, let alone its first, they reasoned that fair competition was not simply a matter of avoiding specific subsidies on specific or-

ders. It runs deeper. If a company has the general support of the taxpayer and the taxpayer is prepared to fund continuing losses, management's attitude to drawing up individual tenders must be affected by what amounts to a general subsidy.

This applies particularly to a high-risk order such as the first of a new class of vessel of onrised design. How can you allow for the different subjective assessment of risk by a company, ultimately backed by the Exchequer and one that rests on a slender capital put together by its managers? Since a decision on the AOR order was put off, Treasury referees have reworked the figures to look for hidden Harland subsidies not found the first time round.

There can be no unambiguous conclusion, however, since the general subsidy argument is essentially ideological. Nor is the argument all on one side. British Shipbuilders is still paying to complete some capital spending at Swan Hunter and would bear the cost of limited redundancies. And in this case Harland is the leader of a consortium of otherwise private enterprise companies. Yarrow, now owned by the GEC, will account for some 30 per cent of the work.

The essential problem, in any case, stems from an earlier lack of unity in government industrial policy — a problem likely to be duplicated in a private warship building industry. Since the Northern Ireland Office rather than the DTI sponsors Harland &

Wolff, it backed the plan for this base of Belfast's economy to diversify into naval vessels after a 16-year absence from the market. The chairman John Parker's remarkable transformation of the yard could not survive an absence of orders. Before the collapse of oil prices few expected any early upsurge of orders for the big merchant ships Harland's facilities were designed to build.

Unfortunately, when everyone moves into the naval market there is likely to be excess capacity there too. The survival of Cammell Laird itself made life harder for others. The warship yards have been buoyed up by orders to replace losses in the South Atlantic war. They will not flow for ever. The next big order, due to be awarded in June, is for the third and fourth Type 23 frigates.

Yarrow, Vosper-Thornycroft, the Cammell Laird arm of Vickers Cammell and Swan Hunter are all in the race.

Unless private sector politics are to determine this next order too, the Cabinet committee therefore had the stark and unwelcome task of deciding whether 2,000 workers on Tyne-side or a similar number in Belfast were likely to lose their jobs.

Any government's instinct in such a nasty corner is to compromise and spread the misery by splitting the orders. This solution would be even more uneconomic than usual since the AOR tenders are for designing and building, and the two contenders have submitted different designs for the MoD specification. (Swan Hunter now suggests the order could be split provided it is to its design). In the absence of a satisfactory political solution, exasperation may have driven Whitehall back to its principles: that the Ministry of Defence should make a commercial judgement of the value for money offered by the fully adjusted, fully vetted rival tenders. The result will inevitably be seen as the judgement of Pilate rather than of Solomon.

Britain welcomes a man who, although only 48, has brought Spain into the fold of Western Europe who has steered a potentially violent country into a lagoon of comparative calm and has earned the respect, trust and affection of all the Spanish people.

## Lord Douro

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Roger Scruton

## Charmed circles of disdain

In colourful pages, David Lodge and Malcolm Bradbury have introduced us to some of the fauna of the modern university. One character, however, seems to have escaped their attention, even though he occupies the highest citadels of influence and even though he has for many years determined the temper, the manners and the doctrine which bring preference in the academic world. This character is the Sneering Don who, with one foot in Oxbridge and the other in fashionable London, holds himself to be so far above the world of human commerce as to be uniquely qualified to cast judgement on it.

On the whole it is from the tribe of Sneering Dons that advisers, trustees and royal commissioners are chosen, and anyone who is concerned to understand the British establishment would do well to take an interest in this character who has done so much to create its outlook and its tone.

No special accomplishment is required in the aspiring SD. While the tribe includes distinguished thinkers, the majority, like Ronald Dworkin, owe their reputation to a handful of clever articles or a series of slick reviews. To join this privileged class you need only three things: an Oxbridge fellowship, a supercilious manner and what Richard Wollheim once admirably called a "robust respect for fashion". Armed with these gifts, the novice can begin the long ascent of Mount Ben Ponsant, to be received at last into the liberal establishment, and there be garlanded with fashion's brief acclaim.

The novice's first task is to find, in the immediate circumstances of his college, something old and venerable that he might destroy. If he is lucky enough to belong to a single-sex college he can campaign for the admission of women (or, as the case may be, of men), an activity which sharpens the tongue and the sentiments of the incipient sneerer more effectively than almost any other. Alternatively he can fight for the disestablishment of the college chapel or for the installation of contraceptive machines in the junior common room.

All those causes prove admirably efficient in winning the respect of established sneerers. Equally advantageous are the ceremonies of ball — gowns, Latin grace, high table and the like — which can be swept away in a moment, and which offer the spectacle of a ruined culture trying vainly to stand against the winds of social change.

The SD may graduate from these innocuous pastimes to more serious pursuits. He may work for "disinvestment" in South Africa, for new courses in "women's studies", for the abolition of theology. However, while his causes should be fashionable and egalitarian, he must not be seen to be advancing them. His whole posture as an aspiring member of the establishment requires him to retain judicious and didactic reserve, and he must step into the debate only at the last minute, appearing to bring order and

reason where there had previously been passion and disarray. In particular the SD must wait for the conservative to speak before stepping off the fence.

Once someone has spoken in the conservative interest, however, a peculiar transformation can be witnessed. Whatever the subject of debate, the SD will at once discard his even-minded posture and search the room for fellow members of his tribe. Then begins that peculiar game of winks, snorts, giggles and the passing of notes (each one greeted with a further escalation in hilarity), whereby an atmosphere of irrepressible mockery is engendered. Soon all opposition collapses in disorder, and radical proposals are adopted as the distillation of donnish sobriety and mature social concern.

In order to maintain his position, the SD should never be trapped into defining his own opinions. He should rather entice others to attribute to him the radical attitudes that be favours, so that he can at once repudiate them, with an air of astonishment that anyone should be so naïve, so simple-minded, so McCarthyite (a favourite expression) as to accuse him of a subversive aim.

His posture is that not of an advocate but of a judge, and if he seems to come down on the side of the radical, this is only because the conservative has made himself ridiculous in expressing his antiquated doctrines.

To this way, the SD ensures not only the moral triumph of the liberal conscience but also the material triumph of the radical causes towards which he remains so fastidious a detachment. Oxford may be the home of lost causes, but this is only because lost causes are so useful an embellishment to the reservoir of received ideas.

The position occupied by the SD is intellectually and socially safe. Provided that the chain of mockery is maintained, each new aspirant may depend upon its support. Nothing is required of him besides a negative conformity — a refusal to shake the fence. Indeed, it is the remarkable achievement of Oxbridge to have created a kind of negative establishment, a network which spreads through the upper ranks of university life, through the media and the professions, and through the synoptic society of fashionable London. This establishment coheres at once in opposition to every conservative proposal and to challenge it is immensely dangerous, unless you challenge it from the position that it secretly advances — that of the radical left.

Some measure of its power can be gathered from the fate of F.R. Leavis, perhaps the greatest genius to come out of Cambridge since Russell, who was denied all promotion, once he had exposed the spiritual emptiness of those who controlled his career. But the punishment of Leavis is only one small example of a continuous process, whereby modern British society has been founded on the priesthood of unbelievers. *The author is editor of the Salisbury Review.*

moreover... Miles Kington

## Hard shoulders for crying on

Am I the only person who has noticed that what goes along motorways is very different from what goes over them?

We all know what goes along motorways. Lorries and coaches, men with suits banging up in their company cars, and married couples sticking to the middle lane no matter what overtakes them on either side. Police cars going at 70 mph, causing terrible jams behind them. A juggernaut, taking ten minutes to overtake another juggernaut. The car you passed in Ealing passing you again in Avon.

But what goes over the bridges is from another world. Often, when I glance up at the B road or lane on the bridge which is about to cut out radio reception for 10 seconds, I see men clip-clopping across on horses, or girls riding ponies. Sometimes it's eye cyclists, alone or in groups. At other times it is old people out walking their dogs and once, recently, I was privileged to see a whole herd of cows crossing the M4. Down on the motorway it is the 20th Century in full flood; up there on the bridges it is the 19th, apparently unaware of the invention of the infernal combustion engine.

The fact that they are seen in silhouette makes this parade of rural life all the more attractive, like the three Chinese girls going across the bridge in the willow pattern design. And they seem to know how picturesque they are, too. They amble across, like lost extras from *Lark Rise to Candleford*, slowly, slowly, so that we down here will get a pang of longing for the lost world of innocence up there.

The point is that motorway bridges have more than their fair share of rural life. I drive down country lanes as well and it's months since I saw a borseman clip-clopping along or a herd of cows, but every time I set off along a motorway I know that I am going to see one or the other, up there on a bridge. It is almost as if they were bit-part players sent out by the drama department of the British Tourist Authority.

Perhaps that's what it is. Per-

haps this is part of a determined drive by the tourist people to get people off the motorway and into the countryside. At break of dawn, maybe, the borsemen and cyclists and shepherds are distributed, van round the country and given strict orders to cross and recross bridges all day long. "Just amble across," they are told, "and then amble back again, and then go back again, and have a break for lunch. Have a picnic on the bridge, if you feel up to it."

And perhaps they are the same people who train those birds of prey which are such a feature of motorway margins, hovering, fluttering menacingly besides the road prior to a pounce which never comes. You must have seen them. Have they 100 been given their instructions? "All right, buzzards or kestrels or whatever you are, you're on the job today. 9.5. We want you to flutter menacingly over the hard shoulder; the old vulture routine. But don't land on the road. Leave that to the rooks."

Maybe the same department is planning a few publications, as well. The *Oxford Book of Motorway Verse* would seem to be a natural.

*The car queue hoots the knell of parting day,  
The lowering herd winds slowly o'er the bridge.  
The salesman homeward grinds his weary way,  
But knows his supper's safety in the fridge.*

*Or how about:  
My heart leaps up when I spy  
The exit sign ahead,  
So was it when we first passed Slough  
So is it, crawling past Bath now,  
So be it hearing Ross-on-Wye  
And home to bed!*

Yes, I believe there is a great deal more to this strange world upstairs from the motorway, this world that appears for a moment, silhouetted and then passes over, leaving us going along mindlessly like a trail of ants. If you know the answer to the mystery, please do write and tell me. I would prefer it to remain a mystery.

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THE ARTS

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Television  
A rare series to inspire thought

Television is the great non-chemical narcotic of our age. The Inner Eye (Channel 4) is one of the rare category of programmes which seeks to overcome this property and stimulate thought.

The series, which is now halfway through, sets out the philosophical argument about human consciousness evolved by Nicholas Humphrey. Although there is an accompanying book from Faber & Faber, the series is a genuine work of television not restricted by the literary forms which frequently kill potentially provoking programmes.

The first two-thirds of the programme advanced Humphrey's concept of consciousness as a form of psychic self-awareness, a mental function like that of an extra sense organ which allows humans - and perhaps also chimpanzees - to be aware of their own mental processes.

From this, he argues, proceeds the ability to guess the mental processes of other humans, and from that evolved trust, and co-operation, the advantages which would ensure that consciousness paid its way in terms of Darwinian evolution.

Humphrey's argument was illustrated with considerable sensitivity by inspirational sequences, compiled specially, and by a selection of clips of private and laboratory behaviour.

The programme also included research films showing a monkey which had been brain-damaged in a laboratory experiment, the animal had no self and could not be blind. A human, similarly injured in an accident, behaved in the same way.

Following this exposition, the theory was evaluated by the theologian Don Cupitt, the psychologist Michael Morgan, and Richard Dawkins, a lecturer in animal behaviour.

Their comments were presented as extracts from scripted pieces to camera rather than in the cheap-studio style of discussion format which is capable of reducing the most subtle arguments to confrontational stunts.

Most television programmes are at pains not to provoke thought - in certain bands of the schedule viewers select, with the predictability of Pavlov's dogs, the most tranquilising programme on offer. At best, the television viewer is required to be a passive recipient of information which is communicated with the phoney authority of a visual medium.

The Inner Eye is a series which successfully vanquishes some of these shortcomings while making the best use of television's advantages as a medium of communication. As such, it represents a genuine advance in television technique.

Celia Brayfield

Galleries  
Paradox of the public split

British Surrealism Fifty Years On  
Mayor

Modernism and Tradition  
Whitford and Hughes

Jason Bratby  
Thackeray

Matthew Spender  
Gallery 24

It is astonishing that the great London International Surrealist Exhibition took place over all of 50 years ago: astonishing that it is so long, astonishing that it is not longer. It must say something about the ever-increasing space between the creation of a work of art and widespread public acceptance of it that, even half a century later, many of the ordinary, non-specialised public would look at the average exhibit in the 1936 show and dismiss it as yet more of that modern rubbish, even though it may well date from before they were born. And yet, on another scale of psychological time, it is difficult to take on board the fact that this milestone in modern art, or at least Britain's acquaintance with it, is only such a short time in the past, so unexceptionable now seem the interests and preoccupations of the Surrealists who at that moment, in the opinion of themselves and everybody else, offered such a daring challenge to the traditional ways of looking at art.

It is, perhaps, the paradox of the two publics which confront us. For one, Surrealism and its tenets have simply become everyday objects of mental furniture; for the other, the ability of the Surrealists to shock and outrage remains virtually unimpaired. The rich and illuminating show British Surrealism Fifty Years On, at the Mayor Gallery until the end of the month, provides plenty of ammunition for holders of both views.

It reminds us what a surprising number of the British chapter of international Surrealism are still very much with us - Eileen Agar, Cecil Collins, Ithell Colquhoun, David Gascoyne, Conroy Maddox, F.E. McWilliam, Julian Trevelyan and quite probably several more - and that other key figures, like Roland Penrose, have only very recently left us. More to the point, it is a valuable indication of something most of us have not fully realized before: how consistent, important and valuable was Britain's

contribution. We are used to thinking of anything that happened in British art as being somehow an insignificant annex to the major continental movements, if indeed it had any connection at all. But here, even if Britain did not produce any single undeniably front-rank figure, it was unique in the world for continuing organized Surrealist activity throughout the Second World War, and for once it was as prodigal in manifestos, statements of principle and unbridgeable intellectual schisms as any bunch of self-dramatizing foreign artists could ever hope to be.

Hence, no doubt, the contradictory feelings of immediacy and remoteness that the show radiates. The tenets so enthusiastically, and sometimes bitterly, fought have now an ineffably period ring to them. And yet many of the works which came out of them have an unimpaired life and freshness. Conroy Maddox's *The Lesson*, for instance, with its sinister/fantastic group of demonstration windows and its shamed (or terrified) pupil, has just the right frisson of existential discomfort. Reuben Mednikoff's extraordinary mythological animal called *Bengal Colonel*, looking somehow like Typoo and his tiger combined, is neatly, undefinably on the border of Surrealist dissociation and satirical fantasy of a more definable English kind. And Victor Reinganzum's *Torso* of 1935 has all the immaculately impersonal surface so beloved of continental Surrealists and oddly difficult for British (or adopted-British) painters, incoherently painterly, to achieve.

It is also very satisfactory to get further insights into the work of well-known polymaths like Humphrey Jennings, represented by paintings, collages and straight documentary photographs which nevertheless belong unmistakably to the Surrealist way of perception. These do not seem to be in any way merely marginal figures, and it is high time an anniversary such as this brought them the attention they so richly deserve.

Further considerations on the timing of acceptance for 20th-century artists are suggested by the mixed show *Modernism and Tradition* at Whitford and Hughes until May 9. The gallery is more familiar as a proponent of Art Nouveau, Jugendstil, Symbolism and such. But it must be that market pressures as well as a more disinterested, idealistic feeling that it is time to move boldly into our own century have been influential in this latest venture. Not only is the supply of worthwhile works from the turn of the century drying up, but even the most conservative collectors, having moved on to this point from the increasingly unobtainable high Victorian, are beginning to think that there is something to be said for the Post-Impressionist, the Fauve, the Expressionist and even the Cubist (provided it is not too grimly

monotone), and that at last anyone can see the lines of continuity.

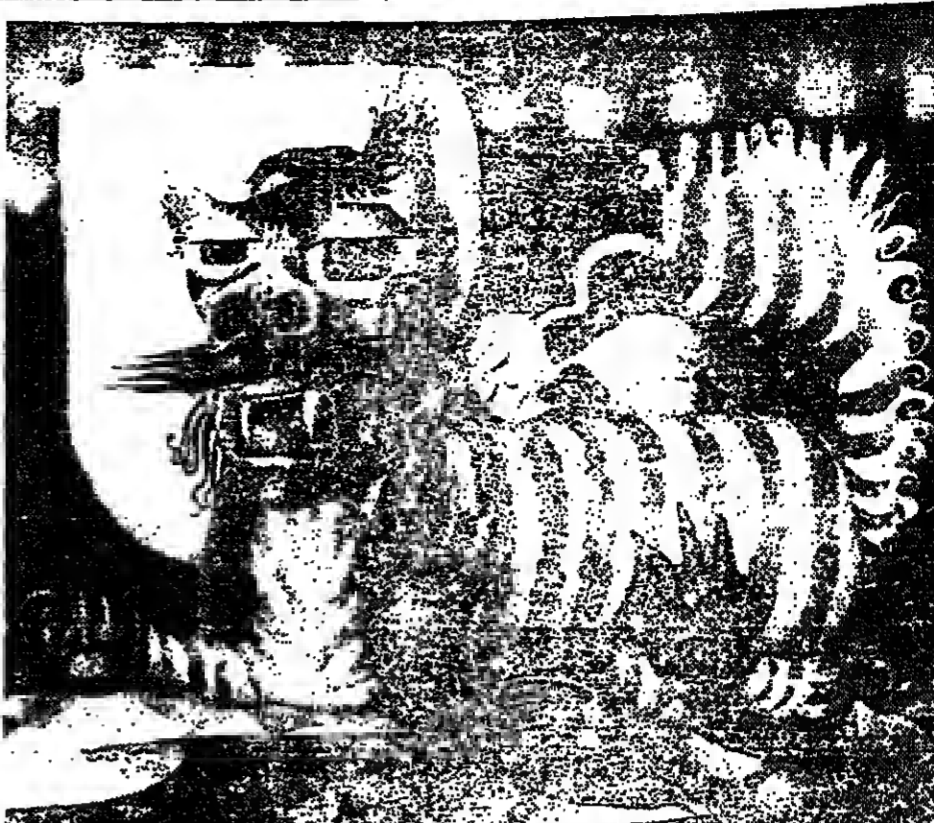
We are also learning in this country that, whatever Roger Fry may have told us, the high road of art history does not necessarily begin and end in Paris: you have only to look here at such strong and splendid works as Albert Drosbeck's two paintings, particularly the astoebing *Marionettes*, from Belgium, or Bela Kadar's *Homage to Malevich* from Hungary, or even the work of such non-mainstream French figures as Ozcentfant or his little-known English assistant John Mellor Hanson, to see that there is far more desirable and possibly important art around in the 1930s than between the wars than was generally dreamt of in Fry's philosophy. For that matter, if you are content to stick at camp, that too can be accommodated: try such as Raphael Delorme's rather splendidly silly *The Dancer* for size.

I must briefly take note of two shows before they vanish. Both are on until the end of the week, and both are by out-of-the-ordinary sons of already famous fathers. That, as we know, is more usually a liability than an asset, particularly when, as in Jason Bratby's case, the father is in the same line of business. But happily Bratby Jr seems quite unshamed by his father's relative celebrity as a painter - and so he should be, for though one may find here and there in his first one-man show at the Thackeray Gallery a trace of awareness that Bratby père exists (in the way, for instance, that the paint is applied in *Boywander*, an otherwise thoroughly modern picture of a young man with a cassette-radio), their styles and outlooks on life are very different. Jason Bratby paints in fashions Surrealist, Neo-Expressionist, sophisticated primitive and whatever from picture to picture, but there is an encouraging consistency of vision.

Matthew Spender, on show at Gallery 24 (24 Powis Terrace, W1), that is, does not have the same problem, as his father, Stephen Spender, is at least not a rival painter - or sculptor, since the younger Spender works in both disciplines. The connections between the imagery of his paintings, especially the large groups of nude and semi-nude figures which one may guess from some of the smaller works to be oo beaches, and the shallow wood reliefs of similar configurations are very clear.

The one-man show gives a powerful impression of an artist who has found his style, which is reasonable in someone who has been exhibiting for some 15 years, and refuses easy categorization because of a natural individuality rather than because he thinks he should pull himself up by his bootstraps to be individual. His works are decorative, but they are also strong and mysterious as to the sources of their strength.

John Russell Taylor



Reuben Mednikoff's extraordinary mythological creature in *Bengal Colonel*, undefinably on the border of Surrealist dissociation and satirical fantasy, and Jason Bratby's *Boywander*, with just a reminder of his father's technique in the way the paint is applied



Concerts  
Faith in Rossini

BBCSO/  
Pritchard  
Festival Hall

If Rossini's "serious" operas irresistibly evoke that old metaphor of the "clown playing Hamlet", his *Sabat Mater* suggests something still more incongruous. Here the clown is on Calvary, mimicking Mary.

Conductors who attempt to soften the aesthetic clash, between Rossini's incorrigible operatic flamboyance and what might be considered a

"normal" response to this anguished Crucifixion text, are surely dissipating the work's true quality. Far better to do what Sir John Pritchard did here: parade the dichotomy boldly, flaunt the times, enjoy the vulgar orchestral garnishes. He refused, for instance, to ease out of earshot the oomp-pals of the "Sancta Mater" quartet; indeed, the accented banality here made the later outburst seem all the more impressive and sincere.

The huge climaxes, where trombones and horns batter at the same harmony for what sounds like pages and pages, were executed with straightforward ferocity (the BBC Symphony Orchestra playing much more securely here than at times earlier in Haydn's Symphony No. 98). This too served to emphasize by contrast the intensely emotional character of the sinuously

chromatic solos. Pritchard's task was aided by a solo quartet which sounded thoroughly well versed in the idiom.

The American tenor Robert Gambill, a late replacement flown in hours before, could be forgiven his somewhat parched and underpowered delivery of that insidiously catchy showpiece "Cuius animam". He complied willingly enough with Pritchard's suitably elastic phrasing and threw in a decent D flat at the end. The singing in the following duet was, however, on a far higher expressive plane. Felicity Lott ardent in tone and beautifully poised in delivery; Anne Howells concentrating on telling dynamic gradations.

But it was John Tomlinson's "Pro peccatis" which brought the performance to life, and in particular the warm, rich legato he coaxed from his big bass voice in the luscious middle section. His subsequent recitative, accompanied with excellent control of pitch by the BBC Symphony Chorus, was the evening's highlight.

Richard Morrison

LSO/Mackerras  
Barbican

Sir Arthur Sullivan might have preened himself that musicologists thought his previously unpublished Cello

Concerto of 1866 worth reconstructing after its only autograph full score was lost in a fire in 1964. Working from a surviving solo part and other fragments, it was put together again by David Mackie and Sir Charles Mackerras, the latter conducting its performance on Sunday night with Julian Lloyd Webber a capable soloist, in advance of their forthcoming recording.

A theory that the composer meant to revise it but lost interest before doing so found support from this performance with the London Symphony Orchestra, not through any shortcomings on the part of the artists but because it is an uneven work. The first movement is over almost as soon as it begins; it is followed by a simple Victorian ballad-tune as the subject of the slow movement, and a longer finale that keeps the soloist energetically busy without getting anywhere musically.

Finding its style somewhere between Schumann and Bruch, the concerto is unlikely to displace better-known examples from 19th-century repertoire, unless there is more to be found in its solo writing than this performance revealed. It was preceded by Sullivan's Overture *Di ballo*, which also had some bits put back that the composer discarded. The outcome depends on whether you like Sullivan a lot or a little. As with the resulting additions, both views are tenable.

The cellist returned to add

his own transcription of Elgar's *Romance* for bassoon and orchestra as an icebreaker party piece, and Sir Charles took the LSO through an account of the "Enigma" Variations which had, on the whole, more rhetoric than charm. However, there was no doubting the affectionate spirit with which various instrumental solos were taken, or the splendour of ensemble texture.

Noel Goodwin

Michele Campanella  
Wigmore Hall

In choice of repertoire, Michele Campanella is anything but an orthodox pianist. For one thing, he has a peculiar preoccupation with playing Wagner on the piano, whether in the form of the composer's wholly unfamiliar, original works or in Liszt's transcriptions of excerpts from the operas. In the Overture to *Tannhäuser*, Liszt's over-thorough reworking nearly always dissolves into an unmusical stunt in performance, and even Campanella, with his seemingly indestructible fingers and dedicated stamina, did not entirely save it from seeming such.

He uses the piano principally as an instrument of colour, persuasively advocating to his audience that it can accom-

plish orchestral effects. But, when one hears a full half-programme in which every piece features *tremolandi*, Liszt's Wagner transcriptions seem a wholly inadequate substitute for the real thing, and the original composer's chromaticism lapses into cliché. Campanella is himself partly to blame, for his preoccupation with sonority and the balance between the hands tend to supplant an attention to the emotional and expressive content of a work.

For instance, Franck's *Prélude, Choral et Fugue* should have a spiritual impact. Campanella underlined the contrapuntal detail to the final degree, but strangely missed the message of the melodies.

The central *Choral*'s theme had an unpleasant feeling of percussiveness.

Nevertheless, Campanella handles the instrument as a master-pianist, fully alive to the sonority and harmonic context of every note. Never are his accompaniments mere accompaniments: they add to the total impact of the sound. Liszt's *Prelude and Fugue on "BACH"* may be a Gothic monstrosity of a piece, but the pianist captured just the right air of improvisation that allowed its ecstatically dark character to rise menacingly from the keyboard.

James Methuen-Campbell

Advertisement for 'Doctor Faust' by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. It features a large image of a man's face and text detailing the production at the National Theatre, including dates (April 25-30, May 3-8, 15-20, 24) and times (7:00). It also lists the cast and production team.

Rock  
Unassailable confidence

James Brown  
Wembley Arena

How quickly fortunes change. When James Brown last played in London, less than a year ago, he did not even have a British recording contract, and he performed at the Hammersmith Odeon. This time, flushed with the success of a hit single, and with a new major contract, it was two nights at Wembley Arena.

"Living in America", a song from the film *Rocky IV*, was Brown's first top-ten single in Britain, and his first in America since 1968. That he has achieved such a remarkable turn-around after more than 30 years in the business is to large part due to his indefatigable energy and his unassailable confidence in his own supreme ability.

Apart from the ubiquitous "Living in America", which was played at the start and reprised at the end of the set, the content of his show re-

mains largely unchanged. But it was extraordinary to observe the renewed sense of urgency that marked the execution of so many familiar songs.

For one thing, now that the world agrees with him again, Brown no longer feels the need constantly to remind audiences of his greatness, or require the musicians in his band to act as cheer-leaders throughout the performance. This alone made for a much tidier show. And, secondly, the knowledge that they are now a hot property instead of an ageing anachronism has galvanized both Brown and his 10-piece band to new heights of razor-sharp elegance. These were players drawing on veteran experience but performing with the lean determination of a newly successful band.

The results were astounding, as everywhere around the arena people danced with enthusiasm. Brown barked and grunted his lyrics with sketchy arrogance and direct-

ed eccentric stabbing fanfares between numbers with jerks from his elbows and shoulders. "Prisoner of Love" and "It's a Man's Man's Man's World" - two of his best-known slow ballads, provided welcome evidence of his actual singing ability, despite a rather brittle PA sound.

But it was the irresistible finale of "Sex Machine", "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" and "I Got You (I Feel Good)" that best summed up Brown's perennial appeal. The two drummers hit that perfect beat, and the scraping, cicky guitar chords, open-ended bass patterns and staccato horn parts meshed with the keyboards to form a churning backdrop to Brown's constant, agitating dance message.

As usual Brown yelled out a roll-call of names for the audience to cheer, including, on this occasion, John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd. Sylvester Stallone, however, was not included.

David Sinclair

Advertisement for 'A Chorus of Disapproval' at the Lyric Theatre. It highlights Colin Blakely's award-winning comedy and Alan Ayckbourn's production. It lists various awards won and provides contact information for the theatre, including box office and booking details.

# Putting the health of Britain into shape

The Government yesterday published its long-awaited discussion document on the future of family doctor services, together with those provided by dentists and pharmacists, to improve "the already high standard" of primary health care in Britain. At the same time

it published the review of community nursing services in England with proposals that district nurses should be given limited rights to prescribe dressings and ointments. NICHOLAS TIMMINS, Social Services Correspondent, reports.

## GPs: a large dose of ideas

Changes to make family doctors and dentists retire at 70, to pay GPs a "good-practice allowance" for high quality care and economic use of drugs and hospital services, to provide more information to patients about their family doctor's services and to make it easier for patients to change doctors—these proposals were made yesterday by the Government in a discussion document on the future of primary health care.

The long-awaited document, first promised in 1984, is long on items for discussion, but short on firm proposals. It says that the Government "hopes" private family doctor services will develop to provide an alternative to health services without suggesting any incentives, and invites

than the community dental doctors' contracts, should have informal conciliation procedures to deal with complaints. The Government proposes to make GPs retire at 70, while allowing them to go at 60, with those aged over 65 needing permission from the local FPC or health board to stay on.

The so-called 24-hour retirement, where a GP can retire for 24 hours, claim a pension and be immediately re-employed by the health service, is to be abolished. At present there are 513 GPs aged over 70 practising and 76 who are aged 80 or over.

On inner cities, the document says the introduction of a "good practice allowance" and retirement of elderly, and often single-handed GPs, should improve services, but there is a case for financial incentives to encourage GPs to work in inner cities. Primary Health Care: An agenda for discussion; Stationery Office, £6.

Whether such a payment would be on top of existing doctors' pay, or would be withheld if the doctor failed to perform is not clear, however. In addition, more of the GP's fees and allowances should come in a straight payment for each patient on his list, it says. The implication is that doctors would receive less in item-of-service fees for cervical smears, immunizations and the like.

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It suggests that businesses might be allowed to run "health care shops" where doctors, dentists and pharmacists and others could be brought together.

It hints at a possible reduction in the number of medical and dental students, and at a contraction in the community child health service, where it says GPs, rather than community doctors, should become more involved in regular monitoring of pre-school and school children's health.

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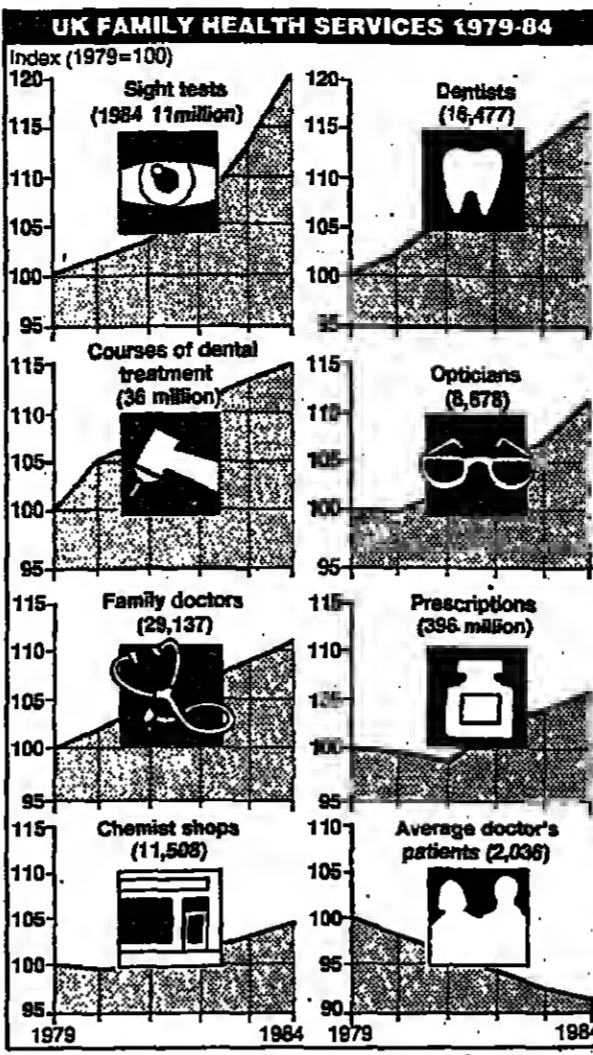
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## Nurses: right to prescribe

Big changes in the way 54,000 nurses in England and Wales work in the community are recommended in the report of the community nursing review.

It recommends that the staff — who include health visitors, community midwives, district nurses, school nurses and psychiatric nurses — should be organized on local neighbourhood areas covering populations of 10,000 to 25,000.

District nurses should be given the right to prescribe such things as dressings, ointments and medical sprays, for example for leg ulcers to avoid waiting time asking GPs for prescriptions.

## Dentists: set number of hours on NHS

Proposals that dentists should provide a minimum number of hours a week which they would be obliged to offer NHS treatment in any case seeking it are contrasted in the discussion document.

Patients sometimes have difficulty finding a dentist who will treat them on the NHS, particularly for items such as dentures, the document says. Making it mandatory for dentists to provide a set number of NHS hours could give patients more certainty of access to NHS treatment, although orthodontics would not be included.

The fee system could also be changed to pay dentists more for preventive work with advice on how to avoid decay.

## Drugs: more on sale without prescription

Strict rules insisting that pharmacists must directly supervise the prescriptions they dispense should be relaxed, the document says, and more changes could be made to allow drugs now available only on prescription to be sold in chemists' shops without a doctor's prescription.

In addition, it might be possible to allow some drugs that now can only be sold in pharmacies to go on sale in ordinary shops.

Now that most medicines are not made up in the pharmacy, but come from the manufacturers in bulk, it can be dispensed direct to the public, the rules on direct supervision of dispensing could be eased to

allow the pharmacist to spend more time advising the public on the safe use of medicines.

The Government also says it wants a lively debate on the recent recommendation of the Nuffield inquiry into pharmacy.

The new contract agreed between pharmacists and the Government, on which a Bill is now going through Parliament, will offer benefits to pharmacists, patients and the taxpayer, the document says.

## Gorbachov supports abolition of pacts

East Berlin (AP) — Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, said yesterday he would support the "simultaneous" abolition of the Warsaw Pact and Nato military alliances.

In a speech to several hundred factory workers in an East Berlin suburb, Mr Gorbachov also reiterated his statement that he was ready to meet President Reagan "so long as the appropriate international atmosphere is created".

"We stress our readiness for a simultaneous disbanding of the Warsaw Pact and Nato or, for a start, their military organizations," he told the workers. His comments were carried on East German television during the afternoon.

"We are ready for a Soviet-American meeting so long as the appropriate international atmosphere is created, and real disarmament steps are possible," he said.

According to the television report, he did not elaborate on his statement about the dissolution of the alliances.

Mr Gorbachov also repeated his proposal that conventional forces be cut back across Europe "from the Atlantic to the Urals".

## Golf ball divers on trial for theft

By Craig Seton

Four men who dived wet suits and retrieved misdirected golf balls which yearly fell into lakes on the golf course at the famous Belvoir Hotel in Warwickshire were guilty of theft, the prosecution alleged at Warwick Crown Court yesterday.

The court heard that the men took 448 golf balls worth 50p each from "water hazards" on the course. The men said they thought they were doing nothing dishonest because the balls had been abandoned, but the prosecution said the Belvoir Hotel treated the balls as its own.

Brothers John Forrester, aged 23, and Peter Forrester, aged 21, from Rothery, Birmingham; Christopher MacGillivray, aged 24, of Woolgates, Birmingham; and Stephen Smith, aged 21, also of Rothery — all unemployed — declined stealing the balls.

Mr Andrew McFarland, prosecuting, said the men were found with the balls in the early hours of the morning. Two of the men had wet suits which they said they had used to steal the balls.

"If there was nothing dishonest, why did they not ask the Belvoir for permission and do it in broad daylight?" The case was adjourned until today.

## Home loan rates cut

Continued from page 1 last night announced a 10.75 per cent mortgage rate.

Spending in the shops, helped by hopes of lower interest rates, soared to record levels last month. The cut in mortgage rates should boost spending further. The cut in mortgage rates should boost spending further, although it will be partly offset by a drop in rates for savers.

banks, led by Chase Manhattan, cut their prime lending rates from 9 per cent to 8.5 per cent yesterday, the lowest for nearly eight years.

This followed the half-point cut in the official discount rate to 6.5 per cent on Friday, with analysts predicting another reduction to 6 per cent by the summer. This is despite a very weak dollar.

The leading American

Dollar slumps, page 17

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

Royal engagements  
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, visits the Institute of Marketing headquarters and College, Cookham, Berkshire, 3.15.  
Princess Anne opens the new YMCA Hostel, St Mary's Rd, Ealing, 3.45.  
State Visit  
The King and Queen of Spain arrive for a State Visit and are met by the Prince and Princess of Wales. Heathrow airport, 11.35; they arrive at Home Park, Windsor by car and are met by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. 12: carriage procession through the town, leaves 12.10, arrives State Entrance, Windsor Castle, 12.25, At 12.45

### Works by Albert Wainwright

Michael Parko Fine Art, 11 Motcombe St, SW1; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5 (ends May 30).  
Graziela Rust's new illustrations for The Secret Garden, The Chelsea Gardener, 125 Sydney St, SW3; Mon to Sun 10.30 to 5 (ends May 6).  
Photographs by Robert Doisneau; Institut Francis, 17 Queensberry Place, SW7; Mon to Fri 9 to 6 (ends May 19).  
Terry O'Farrell: artist in schools' project; Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High St, E1; Tues to Sun 11 to 5, Wed 11 to 8 (ends May 25).

### TV top ten

- National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 21:
- 1. EastEnders (Thu/Sat, 22.10m)
  - 2. The Grand National, 15.85m
  - 3. Antiques Roadshow, 13.15m
  - 4. A Question of Sport, 12.16m
  - 5. Dallas, 12.75m
  - 6. Newsnight, 11.55m
  - 7. Dear John, 10.55m
  - 8. The World Tonight, 10.40m
  - 9. The Saturday Night Takeaway, 10.40m
  - 10. The Saturday Night Takeaway, 10.40m

### Trust open day

More than 50 National Trust properties throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be open free of charge to all members of the public tomorrow, April 23. The aim of the Free Day is to give those who cannot normally afford to visit the Trust's properties the chance to do so. The usual admission charges will apply to all other National Trust properties tomorrow.

### Weather forecast

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### High Tides

Location	AM	PM	HT	FT
London Bridge	12.46	6.2	1.16	0.7
Abertawe	12.32	5.8	1.23	0.9
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### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,026

ACROSS  
1 Tennis players with the same number of games have tried to draw (3,6).  
6 In other words, apply friction (5).  
9 He pours out music from his lyre (7).  
10 The crown takes a firm course: if given backing (7).  
11 One who has been invited, it is supposed in conversation (5).  
12 Communist admitted to no uninteresting cathedral (5,4).  
13 Impose an obligation on wine store to take port (4,4).  
15 Her daughter went to Paris (4).  
19 To start with girls have to dress (4).  
20 Knight's weapon - it's up for sale (8).  
23 Wind up near a hill (5,4).  
24 Switch lit up bulb (5).  
26 Leading part in many westerns for "Desert Song" chorus girl (7).  
27 Dry outside and in, wearing 19 perhaps (7).  
28 Two points, then three or four, for those competing (5).  
29 One on the scoreboard to the other side in encounter (3,6).

DOWN  
1 Plead with a number to fill gaps up in washing kit (6-3).  
2 Where to find brave duellist's foot and arm (5).

Concise Crossword page 10

### Music

Concert by the Delme String Quartet; Bishopsgate Hall, EC2, 1.05.  
Recital by Tracey Chadwell (soprano) and Dorothy Linell (lute); St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, WC2, 1.05.  
Concert by the Tallis Chamber Choir, the English Chamber Orchestra, Valerie Mazerson (soprano) and David Wilson Johnson (baritone); Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich, SE10, 8.15.  
Piano duet by Berendina Cook and Matthew Stanley; British Music Information Centre, 10 Stafford Place, W1, 7.30.  
Concert by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra with Alison Hargan (soprano); Laucester University, 7.30.  
Concert by the Music Group of London; Newcastle City Hall, 1.05.  
Piano recital by Thomas McIntosh; De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, 3.

### Talks, lectures, films

Talk: From Rags to Riches (film); The British Library, Great Russell St, WC1, 11.  
The Road to the 80's: Modern art from abstract to minimal, by Cicely Yudkin; Highgate Library, Scientific Institute, 11 South Grove, N6, 8.15.  
Energy in Zimbabwe today, by Mr K. Kangai; Africa Centre, 38 King St, WC2, 6.30.  
New German architecture, by Peter Cook; Goethe-Institut, London, 50 Princes Gate, SW7, 7.  
30 years of airliners, by Captain R. E. Gillman; Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, W1, 7.  
Rainforest (film); Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, W1, 1.30 and 3.  
Max Beckmann, by Timothy Hyman; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq, 6.

### Anniversaries

Birth: Henry Fielding, Sharpsham Park, Somerset, 1707; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Prussia (Kalinigrad, USSR), 1724; Alexander Kerensky, leader of the Russian provisional government in 1917; Ulyanovsk, 1881; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto singer, Higher Walton, Lancashire, 1912.  
Death: John Tradescant, naturalist, London, 1662; James Hargreaves, inventor of the spinning jenny, Nottingham, 1778; John Cromie, landscape painter, Norwich, 1821; Thomas Rowlandson, caricaturist, London, 1827; Richard Trevithick, pioneer of steam engines, Dartford, Kent, 1833; Henry Campbell-Bannerman, prime minister 1905-08, London, 1908; Roy Campbell, poet, Setubal, Portugal, 1957.

### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on housing and transport.  
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### The pound

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Dollar slumps as US rates are cut to eight-year low

Prime rates in the United States were cut by half a point to 8.5 per cent yesterday, amid a sharp dollar slide. In London, money market interest rates went against the international trend and edged up, mainly on oil price worries.

The dollar slumped to a post-war low against the yen in Tokyo, in spite of heavy intervention, estimated at up to \$2 billion, by the Bank of Japan.

Against the dollar, this fall was only marginal, the rate closing just seven points down at \$1.135. But the pound lost nearly three pennies to DM3.3391 and the sterling index was down by 0.7 points to 75.5.

In London, a £1.4 billion money market shortage and a softer pound tempered base rate optimism. The three-month interbank rate firmed by 3/4 points to 10 1/2 per cent, and the one-month rate was up by a quarter to 10 1/4 per cent.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Cliffhanger in the Hambros soap opera

The suspension of shares in Hambros plc early yesterday alerted the City to the imminence of crucial developments in a family soap opera that had been shaping up for many months but was first acknowledged in public in January.

The fate of Hambros, parent of the City merchant bank, has been in the melting pot ever since the two sides of the Hambros family begged to differ over their response to the big bang and, as a consequence, made arrangements to sell the controlling stake held by the family-dominated but separately-quoted Hambro Trust.

downmarket Hambro Life Assurance. After what now looks a false start in buying 29.9 per cent of the stockbroker Strauss Turnbull, Hambros then made a pricey bid for control of the estate agent Baird Eves.

Questions for Tiny Lornho, which early in the day had confirmed an interest in Hambros, was acting entirely in character: bold, enigmatic and designed to disturb. The notion that Rupert Hambro would open the door of this establishment merchant bank to Roland "Tiny" Rowland, the leading non-establishment figure, seems incredible only to those unfamiliar with the lengths to which disaffected members of establishment families are prepared to go.

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1394.5 (-8.6) FT-SE 100 1668.0 (-12.2) USM (Datastream) 120.20 (+0.12) THE POUND US Dollar 1.5120 (-0.0010) W German mark 3.3377 (-0.0197) Trade-weighted 75.5 (-0.7)

Pineapple losses cut

Pineapple Dance Studios, a USM glamour stock that has lost much of its glitter for investors, cut its pretax losses from £197,000 to £68,000 in the six months to January 31.

Shop sales bounce to record £8,320m

Retail sales in March were a record. The volume increased by 1.9 per cent, with strong sales reported in all categories of spending. Sales were 5.3 per cent up on real terms on a year earlier.



Six directors resign from Imperial

Six directors have resigned from the Imperial Group board following last Friday's announcement that Hanson Trust's £2.4 billion bid had gone unconditional. The only executive director to resign was Mr Michael Pickard, group deputy chief executive and chairman of Imperial Brewing and Leisure. He will leave at the end of May.

Investment boards stay firm on disclosure

The disclosure of a broad range of financial information, such as surrender values, tax implications and charges, for life insurance and unit trust sales is recommended in a document issued yesterday.

Crucible joy

Morgan Crucible, on turnover of £211.5 million (up 6 per cent), reported pretax profits of £18.7 million (up 21 per cent) for the year to December 1985. A final dividend of 4.6p makes 8.5p for the year (8.0p).

Travis down

Travis & Arnold pretax profits fell by 14.5 per cent to £8.2 million in the year to December 31, 1985 (£9.6 million in 1984). Turnover was up by 17 per cent to £150 million. A final dividend of 6.57p makes 8.52p for the year, up 7.6 per cent.



UK RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX 1980-100. The index of retail sales volume rose to 119.4 last month (1980=100) from 117.2 in February. The previous record for the series - last August - was 117.5.

Bigger stake

Mr Reginald Brady, former chairman of Episcopi Holdings, has increased his stake in F S Ratcliffe Industries, the precision spring manufacturer and paint contractor, which is effectively a shell company, to 27.5 per cent. Mr John Cowen, the company doctor, yesterday took over as chairman.

Tin settlement

Standard Chartered Bank has agreed all but the fine print of an out-of-court settlement of its £10 million claim against the International Tin Council. The offer of a settlement was first made by the ITC. The settlement leaves the ITC's other creditors in a quandary because the council's buffer stock has no assets other than those about to be paid to Standard Chartered.

MCP deal

Midland City Partnership has agreed to acquire 141 Sanket and 501 for £4,375,000. The deal will further expand the outlets available for the company's electrical distribution business.

Paper's £21m

The offer for subscription of £7 million of ordinary shares and £9 million of 15 per cent unsecured loan stock 1991 in Newspaper Publishing, parent of Independent, the planned quality newspaper, was fully subscribed, completing its £21 million financing.

Three Opec members to rebel over quotas

The 13 oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are faced with the problem of announcing a new production quota system for their cartel in the knowledge that it will be immediately ignored by at least three of their number. The effect, according to oil analysts and traders who have been monitoring Opec's week-long meeting in Geneva, is to continue their downward spiral.

Kleinwort tactics under fire

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, was accused yesterday of breaking the spirit of the City code on takeovers in the bitter battle for Extel, the news and information group. Demerger Corporation, which is bidding 40p a share, claimed that Kleinwort Benson, Extel's adviser, attempted to pick up a vital parcel of institutional shares in Extel above the offer price in order to block the bid.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for Stock Markets (New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong, etc.), Currencies (London, New York, etc.), Gold (London, New York), and Interest Rates (Bank Base, 3-month, etc.).

Shares surge will take Dow to 2,100, says Drexel

The leading Wall Street investment bank Drexel Burnham Lambert is forecasting a further surge in American share prices that will take the Dow Jones industrial average to about 2,100 by the end of the year - a rise of 15 per cent from the present near-record levels.

Advertisement for Alexanders Discount plc. Features a logo of a stylized plant, the text 'Alexanders Discount plc', and a testimonial: 'Alexander would cash my bill down on the counter, Sir.' (John Sedley in Thackeray's Vanity Fair). Below the testimonial is the slogan '...and we still will.' and the company name 'Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank Holdings Ltd'.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street stocks fluctuated within a narrow band in early trading yesterday.

After a slightly higher opening they slipped and analysts said the market may need a pullback regardless of the Federal Reserve's discount rate cut. The rate cut had been widely expected.

The Dow Jones industrial average which rose to 1,843 at one stage slipped one point to 1,839 but climbed back 7.44 to 1,847.84 towards the end of the first hour of trading.

The transport average was down 0.86 to 811.78 as was the utilities average, down 0.87 to 190.91. The 65 stocks average was marginally up to 719.17, a rise of 1.03.

The biggest early gainers were the Japanese companies.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AAR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their corresponding prices and changes.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table titled 'STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES' showing exchange rates for various currencies like New York, London, and others.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing exchange rates for various international currencies such as Argentina, Australia, and Canada.

COMMODITIES

Table showing prices for various commodities including metals and agricultural products.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table detailing interest rates for different terms (e.g., 1 month, 3 months, 6 months) and gold prices.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing spot rates for various currencies relative to the US dollar.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Table listing deposit rates for different currencies and terms.

TREASURY BILLS

Table showing yields and prices for various Treasury bills.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table detailing futures contracts for various financial instruments like interest rates and currencies.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table providing details on financial trusts, including their names and key financial data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large multi-column table listing a wide variety of unit trusts, their managers, and performance statistics.

Handwritten note: 'It is filed'

TEMPUS

BTR show of strength must hearten Hanson

BTR's accounts go a long way to answering present worries about conglomerates. They demonstrate the speed with which BTR has assimilated Dunlop and the group's financial strength.

increase the geographic spread of its activities. Understanding what Morgan Crucible is about is perhaps most easily explained through its market approach. It is now a long way from being the product driven group of the 1970s with a "this is what we make do you want to buy it?" mentality.

The share price has enjoyed a retraining recently, the extent of which has been obscured by bid hopes since it was disclosed that Robert Holmes & Court's Bell Resources owns 11 per cent. Travis & Arnold, whose trading margins in the past have approached 7 per cent of turnover, has been one of the most profitable of the builders' merchants.

Property group may bid for Bentalls

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent
The Capital & Counties property group said yesterday that it might bid for Bentalls, the department store company. A takeover offer has been in the air since a group of dissident family shareholders emerged early last month.

Hillsdown offer attacked
By Michael Prest Financial Correspondent
Mr Ephraim Margulies, chairman of S & W Berisford, yesterday took the offensive against Hillsdown Holdings which has made a £430 million offer for the commodity and British Sugar Corporation group.

Share prices tumble as profit-takers move in

Stock markets began the second leg of the account on a drab note as institutional investors returned to the sidelines allowing profit-takers to gain the upper hand. There was little change to the underlying firm trend as lower US prime rates followed discount rate cuts in America and Japan over the weekend.

RECENT ISSUES
SPP (125p) 153 +2
Templeton (215p) 215 +2
Sigsbee (101p) 125 +2

Disappointing profits last week upset Chrysler 10p lower at 198p. The absence of bid development led Simon Engineering at 273p, Rio Tinto-Zinc at 709p and Lorrain at 271p between 6p and 13p down.

US group buys BL offshoot
By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent
Self Changing Gears, the BL subsidiary which makes transmission systems for trucks and buses, has been sold to the American-owned Cummins Engines group.

Textiles investment hit

The British Textile Confederation today blames the Government's approach to the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) for a levelling off in investment in the industry. In its annual report, Mr Harry Leach, president of the confederation, says that the Government's call for the weakening of the MFA, which governs most of the world's trade in textiles, has had a particularly damaging effect on investment.

Waste firms to combine

One of the biggest unlisted companies in Scotland was formed yesterday by a merger between Shanks & McEwan Group, the Glasgow waste-handling and civil engineering company, and the London Brick Landfill Group, Hanson Trust's waste-handling subsidiary.

Specialist Lloyd's brokers to merge

Two specialist Lloyd's insurance brokers, PWS International and Howard Group, are combining in an agreed £57 million merger. The new group will have a brokerage income of more than £15 million, making it the seventh largest quoted insurance broker.

COMPANY NEWS

● RIO TINTO-ZINC: The company has awarded dealership mandates for a £250 million (£162.3 million) Euro-commercial paper programme, proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes. ● UK LAND: The company has disposed of freehold investments comprising 11 commercial and residential properties for £1,486,250 by auction.

Bank of Ireland
announces that with effect from close of business on 22nd April 1986 its Base Rate for lending is reduced from 11% to 10 1/2% per annum

JCB & LAND ROVER
THE IDEAL MATCH

Sun Life: Innovations create record growth

From the statement by the Chairman, Peter Grant. "SUN LIFE HAS CONTINUED TO GO ONWARD AND UPWARD"
Profits: "Post tax profits for shareholders have risen to £14.1 million from £11.7 million last year."

Interest Rate Change
Allied Irish Banks plc announces that with effect from close of business on 21st April, 1986, its Base Rate was decreased from 11% to 10 1/2% p.a.

BASE LENDING RATES
AGN 10.50%
Adair & Company 11.00%
BOCI 11.00%

A major force in British Life for over 175 years ABU

# Beazer ruled out of SGB bidding

By Clare Dobie

C.H. Beazer, the building company, has ruled itself out of the bidding for SGB, the scaffolding company which last week recommended a £160 million takeover by John Mowlem.

Beazer made a tender offer for 25 per cent of SGB's shares last October, but the offer lapsed. Mr Brian Beazer, the chairman, said yesterday that SGB was now too expensive. His tender offer was pitched at only 19p against yesterday's market price of 35p.

Earlier Mr Beazer had spoken at a building seminar organized by de Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker.

Other speakers included Mr Philip Beck, the chairman of John Mowlem, Mr Andrew Teare, the managing director of Rugby Portland Cement and Mr Robert Napier, the finance director of Redland.

All the speakers were optimistic about prospects for the building industry, encouraged by the recent cuts in interest rates.

Mr Beck said there were plenty of opportunities, particularly involving the injection



Brian Beazer: SGB now too expensive

of private capital in public infrastructure projects.

Mowlem is among a number of companies hoping to be chosen as contractor and financier of the proposed Dartford Tunnel.

Redland is confident about the refurbishment market, for example for reroofing and road mending, but says new building activity at home is less promising.

Overseas prospects however are good.

## COMPANY NEWS

● ASSAM DOOARS: A dividend of 9p (same) has been declared for 1985. Pretax group profits on ordinary activities rose to £513,673 (£400,666) and earnings per share were up to 45.92p (28.71p).

● BSR INTERNATIONAL: Mr W R A Wyllie, the chairman, says in his annual statement that with substantial orders in hand for the first half of this year, the company is "well placed to participate fully in the recovery now being forecast for the industry."

● ASHDOWN INVESTMENT TRUST: The board has

received an approach which may lead to offers being made for the company.

● NORTH SEA ASSETS: Results for the half-year to March 31 (figures in £000) show income from securities up to 938 (870) and interest received to 77 (63). Net asset value was 106.31p (129.2p).

● BERRY TRUST: The company is missing the dividend for the six months to February 28 but the board intends to pay a dividend of not less than 10p (same) per ordinary share in respect of the year ending August 31.

● SHAW CARPETS: Acceptances have been received in respect of 7,488,962 Shaw ordinary shares (42.0 per cent), 768,660 Shaw 10 per cent preference shares (86.2 per cent) and 252,475 Shaw 5.6 per cent preference shares (90.5 per cent).

● BOND CORPORATION HOLDINGS: The Trade Secretary has decided not to refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the proposed acquisition by Bond of the assets of Thorn EM1 Screen Entertainment.

● LASMO: The London and Scottish Marine Oil company plans to issue £50 million 10 1/8 per cent Eurobonds due 1993, at an issue price of 100 3/8 per cent to repay short-term debt.

## COMMODITIES REVIEW

# Surprises as tin saga twitches back to life

Remember the great tin saga? Well, just when you had hoped it had gone away, it brings disappointing intelligence. All the signs are that the saga has twitched back into life in a surprising fashion.

The surprise is an out-of-court settlement of Standard Chartered Bank's claims against the International Tin Council. But that settlement will clean up the ITC and leave the other aggrieved parties kicking their heels.

Let us argue from first principles. The legal and arbitration actions by banks and brokers are against the ITC buffer stock. Its financial affairs were quite separate from those of the council, for which the ITC continues to claim sovereign immunity. But the buffer stock has no cash - only huge debts. Its sole means of settling claims are 2,700 tonnes of tin.

Of that, 800 tonnes are encumbered by a dispute with Trans-World Metals. So the buffer stock's assets are a mere 1,900 tonnes of tin, worth about £6 million at current dreadful prices.

But Standard Chartered alone was asking for settlement of a £10 million debt, not to mention the usual extras such as interest and costs. In short, the ITC - as distinct from its member governments - cannot pay, whether the will is there or not. Standard has therefore settled for less than the full amount.

So what choice do the other suitors have? The front-runners, albeit following different routes, were Standard Chartered and MacLaine Watson, the London Metal Exchange ring-dealing member owned by Drexel Burnham Lambert.

But now that Standard appears, barring invisible legal hurdles, to have breathed the taps, it seems pointless for the others to pursue the matter further and expensively through the courts. Standard had the advantage of a court

decision upholding the waiver of the ITC's sovereign immunity clause inserted by luck or good judgment in its loan contract with the council.

Standard also felt under less pressure. It pursued the matter because of the principle, and because simply it had a good case. There must have been a temptation to settle quickly.

The issue is important for MacLaine. It had positions totalling about 10,000 tonnes of tin with the ITC. The difference between last month's ring-out price and their contract value is about £20 million.

Drexel, of course, can afford the loss, and in a sense it has already demonstrated the fact by standing behind MacLaine. But it is, in any case, inconvenient for Drexel to be shouldered so big a loss at a critical time in the realization of its ambitions in world markets.

MacLaine, moreover, had a strong card up its sleeve. Its arbitration award was confirmed by the courts. The ITC then had a fortnight in which to pay, or enforcement could begin. That fortnight expires today. Yet curiously ITC design sources did not expect to be greeted on their arrival at work today by burly gentlemen set on detaining the furniture. Where does Standard's coup leave the majority of the ITC's great army of creditors?

Writes have been served on the council by Banque Indosuez and the Bank of Nova Scotia. These two banks have already sold for £6 million apiece the 1,500 tonnes of tin they each held as collateral. Their action is for another £1 million each. But since their contracts do not incorporate a waiver of sovereign immunity, the actions will probably die.

Arab Banking Corporation won its case against the ITC, but has been unable to obtain execution. That case is in abeyance. Kleinwort Benson

has also initiated arbitration proceedings. In addition, three brokers started arbitration proceedings before the ring-out Amalgamated Metal Trading, JH Rayner and Rudolf Wolff. The past few days have seen eight more post-ring-out arbitrations, three of the actions being announced last Friday.

Then there is Trans-World Metals. The firm was the ITC's biggest trading partner - if that cosy term applies. On October 24, Trans-World agreed to buy 800 tonnes of tin from the ITC. The deal was struck in Singapore, where the tin was stored. But trading in Singapore stopped by 9am London time on the same day, when the ITC "suspended" buffer stock operations and left creditors with debts of £900 million.

Trans-World promptly blocked payment, while ITC blocked the release of the tin. So it was stalemate.

Who owns the 800 tonnes now? The question is under review. But, as with the other outstanding cases, I expect a quick and quiet settlement.

Whether other settlements will be made so speedily is another matter. A group of smaller brokers, including the unfortunate Henco, which withdrew from the London Metal Exchange last week, is considering joint action against the ITC. For them, the council has some advice: keep your money. All too soon, the buffer stock will be cleaned out.

The best long-term hope is an action by one of the big players which can afford such expensive diversions against a Government member of the ITC. Shearson Lehman is one such broker, and Her Majesty's Government is one such government. If it succeeds, the second wave can follow the shock troops through the breach. If not, the tin saga might finally end.

Michael Prest

# Supply of gas kept up despite strike

By Our City Staff

British Gas maintained a supply to all its customers yesterday despite the complete shutdown of the North Sea Frigg gas field, which normally provides 40 per cent of Britain's natural gas.

Increased output from other North Sea producers, with the substantial amounts of stored gas, meant that even customers with interruptible supply contracts were not affected. British and Norwegian offshore workers in the British sector of the Frigg field went on strike at the weekend.

Demand for gas in Britain is running at 6,500 million cubic feet a day, well down on February's 9,000 million level. British Gas's Mescambe Bay field, which is used to meet peak demand, is not in use but it is available if the situation worsens.

Gas production at the Frigg field, which straddles the British and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea, halved two weeks ago when a strike by Norwegian catering workers led to the shutdown of all Norway's oil and gas production.

The striking British and Norwegian workers are members of the same in-house staff organisation. Their walk-out is in sympathy with their colleagues in the Norwegian sector.

Elf Aquitaine, the operator, said that 50 Norwegians had already been flown home and the field would be shut for the duration of the dispute.

Negotiators saw little hope for an immediate settlement and a spokesman for Elf said he thought the stoppage could last for some days.

Under Norwegian law workers are required to give 14 days' minimum notice of a strike. Elf said it was planning legal action against the union, although some strikers maintain that Norwegian law does not apply in the British sector.

The Frigg strike is the first escalation of a dispute that has shut all Norwegian oil and gas production in the North Sea since April 6, when the employees locked out 15,000 production workers on 26 platforms in four fields. This was after a tiny catenary's mission failed to strike.

Its 670 members approached the employees on Friday to offer a compromise in the terms of their 28 per cent pay claim, and it is thought that anger at the employer's rejection of that offer may have led to Sunday's stoppage.

Frigg had been supplying about 35 million cubic metres of gas daily. Norwegian estimates that it will take about a week for British industry about a week to feel the pinch.

## APPOINTMENTS

Hambros: Sir Michael Butler has been made a director of Hambros Bank in an executive role, and he has also joined the board of Hambros.

Baring Brothers & Co: Mr Ian Hopkins has become a director and Mr Nicholas R Gold an assistant director.

A & M Group: Mr Colin Millward has been elected a non-executive director.

OEC, United Scientific Holdings: Mr J Leszczynski has been made president and chief executive.

The Money Management Council: Mr Jeremy Brighton has been named as the first director.

First Environmentics and First Architecture: Mr Mark

Rankin has been made projects director.

Dan-Air: Mr William J Crosby has become deputy technical director, engineering division, Lasham.

Relational Technology: Mr Nic Birles has been named as vice-president, international operations.

Webber Electro Components: Mr James Bragg has been made a director.

National Holidays: Mr Graham McDonald and Mr Robert Hassitt have become directors.

Formwood: Mr Kevin Tracey has been made commercial director and Mr Brian Watson manufacturing director.

Aema Life: Mr Peter Bassett has become agency director.

British Property Federation: Mr John Brown has been elected president. He will succeed Mr Harry Axtou on May 22.

Independent Broadcasting Authority: Dr John Richard Forrest is to succeed Mr Tom Robson as director of engineering.

Stephenson Harwood: Mr Richard Olton, Mr Richard Gwynne, Mr Richard Uffland, Mr Robert Partridge and Mr Derek Tadiello are to become partners.

Anglia Secure Homes: Mr Paul J Hubbard has joined the board as finance director.

# Sham order for tax is rejected

Sherdley v Sherdley

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment given April 18]

The courts should not exercise jurisdiction under section 23 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 to make orders for financial provision on divorce by granting an order to the parent having custody, care and control of children that he should make periodical payments direct to the children where the order would be a sham because the sole purpose of the parent in seeking it was to secure a tax advantage.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the husband, Ian Sherdley, against the refusal by Mr Justice Wood on May 9, 1985 to order him to pay to each of the three children of the family in his care periodical payments equivalent to such sum as after the deduction of basic rate tax would equal their school fees.

Mr Joseph Jackson, QC and Mr Valentine Le Grice for the husband; Mr E James Holman as amicus curiae.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal raised questions of far-reaching importance concerning the extent to which the courts were entitled to take account of the fiscal effects of their orders.

School fees orders had been the subject of Practice Directions (Minor Payments of School Fees) (1983) 1 WLR 800. They were normally sought by the party (usually the wife) having care and control of the children and required the other party (usually the husband) to make the periodical payments.

In the instant case the wife was not involved and the order was sought by the husband requiring him to make the payments.

Mr Justice Wood appeared to have said that, as a matter of policy, judges of the Family Division refrained from making orders in favour of a child against a parent who had custody and control because if they did so the Inland Revenue might be provoked to request changes in the law, which would be contrary to the interests of broken families generally.

If that was the policy, it was misconceived, he was for the court to interpret and administer the law as it stood and for Parliament to decide whether and in what respects it should be changed.

The jurisdiction to make the order was to be found in section 23(1)(c) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. It was admitted that the only reason was to enable part of the father's income to become the children's separate income for tax purposes, thereby reducing his taxable income and enabling the children to have the enjoyment of the part transferred to them without payment of tax up to the limit of their personal allowances.

Under section 25 of the 1973 Act (substituted by section 3 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984) the court had to have regard to a multiplicity of specified matters.

While these considerations did not refer to fiscal advantages or disadvantages, there was no doubt that it was intended that the court should have regard to the position of all concerned as to tax, and to the incidence of tax.

The true test of what a court should do was to be found by a consideration of the general law in relation to tax avoidance. The basic proposition was that any taxpayer was entitled to order his affairs that his liability to tax was as low as possible.

However, he was not entitled to pretend so to order his affairs by entering into a sham transaction, and if he did, the Inland Revenue could call ultimately on the courts to declare that it was a sham and was to be disregarded.

The House of Lords had gone further and said that the courts were to have regard to the true nature of the transaction; see *WT Ramsay Ltd v IRC* [1982] AC 300 and *Furniss v Dawson* [1984] 1 AC 474.

It would be unacceptable that the commissioners and the courts who were concerned with taxation matters should be required to consider whether an order by the matrimonial courts was a sham.

No court should make an order which was a sham, or which did other than proclaim its true nature.

The court could properly have regard to the effects of its orders in terms of tax liability when deciding whether to make an order or what order to make, but that was as far as it could go.

In the "ordinary" case of a husband being ordered to make periodical payments to his wife the transaction was precisely what it appeared to be.

If one injected into the scenario the need to maintain and educate minors there was still no problem, provided that the payments were made, or in so far as the tax was concerned.

His Lordship did not go so far as the Master of the Rolls in suggesting that a contract based on the *Practice Direction* was a sham, but it might be preferable if some less artificial scheme could be devised.

Solicitors: Fritchard Englefield & Tobin, Treasury Solicitor.

# Bail jurisdiction doubt

Regina v Chief Immigration Officer Heathrow Airport, Ex parte Sureshkumar

The jurisdiction of the court to grant bail to an applicant who had been granted leave to move for judicial review of a refusal of leave to enter the United Kingdom was said by the Court of Appeal to be questionable.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Nourse) on April 17 dismissed the applicant's appeal seeking an order for bail on the ground that, even if there was power to grant bail, there were no exceptional reasons for doing so.

If that was so, any need for a jurisdiction to grant bail would have to be satisfied in some other way than by calling on the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

The matter was best left until counsel could argue the matter fully.

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT advertisement including details of the 148th Annual General Meeting of members on Tuesday 20th May 1986 at 2.15pm in the Head Office, 6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA.

Charitable Chancellor? advertisement for Oxfam, highlighting budget opportunities for companies and charities to support their choice, at home and overseas.

HEPWORTH CERAMIC HOLDINGS PLC advertisement featuring a large graphic of a ceramic tile and a table of 1985 results. The table shows turnover of 365,819 and profit before tax of 33,542 for the year ending 31st December 1985.

Arabic text at the bottom right corner: "صكنا من الاموال"

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Table with 3 columns: No., Company, Price. Lists various companies like BSA, Biff, Biff, etc.

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily total for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

BRITISH FUNDS
Table with columns for fund names and their respective prices and changes.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)
Table listing short positions for various companies and their prices.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS
Table listing stock prices for the 5-15 year period.

UNDATED
Table listing undated stock prices.

INDEX-LINKED
Table listing index-linked stock prices.

BANKS DISCOUNT HP
Table listing bank discount rates.

BREWERIES
Table listing brewery companies and their prices.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS
Table listing building and road companies.

FINANCE AND LAND
Table listing finance and land companies.

FOODS
Table listing food companies.

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS
Table listing chemical and plastic companies.

CINEMAS AND TV
Table listing cinema and television companies.

DRAPERY AND STORES
Table listing drapery and store companies.

INDUSTRIALS A-D
Table listing industrial companies from A to D.

INDUSTRIALS E-K
Table listing industrial companies from E to K.

ELECTRICALS
Table listing electrical companies.

INSURANCE
Table listing insurance companies.

LEISURE
Table listing leisure companies.

MINING
Table listing mining companies.

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT
Table listing motor and aircraft companies.

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS
Table listing newspaper and publisher companies.

OIL
Table listing oil companies.

OVERSEAS TRADERS
Table listing overseas trading companies.

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G
Table listing paper, printing, and advertising companies.

PROPERTY
Table listing property companies.

SHIPPING
Table listing shipping companies.

SHOES AND LEATHER
Table listing shoe and leather companies.

TEXTILES
Table listing textile companies.

TOBACCO
Table listing tobacco companies.

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# UK green light on Big Brother passports

**By Peter Purton**

After prolonged consideration it now looks as if the UK and West Germany will be the only European countries to go ahead with the computerized passport. But even in these two countries progress has been slow, no date is fixed for its introduction in the UK.

The UK government early in 1981 announced its intention to introduce the machine-readable passport, expressing its belief that such passports would be adopted worldwide. But the governments of all EEC countries bar West Germany have since decided against their introduction after pressure largely from civil-liberties groups.

In the new type of passport, computerized information about the passport holder is contained in two lines of printing which are both machine-readable and legible to the naked eye. These are printed on a special plastic laminated page bound with the rest of the conventional passport.

Information contained in machine-readable format includes the holder's surname and forenames, title, sex, address, date, town and country of birth, passport number and type, previous passport number, nationality and immigration status and the names and dates of birth of any children contained on the passport. Photographs of applicants are not designed to be held on the system.

Proponents of the system claim that its introduction will offer significant advantages to passengers and immigration authorities by speed the clearance of bona fide passengers, while helping to identify those either wanted by the police or not allowed to be admitted. It is also said to have greater security as it is difficult to tamper with or counterfeit.

Opponents, however, fear its possible exploitation to restrict civil liberties. In the UK, for instance, police computer files hold details of more than five million people. The European Commission has expressed concern over the possible creation of "computer fences" at EEC borders.

A limited experiment with a computerized passport system has already been carried out at Heathrow Airport using machine-readable passports already carried by many US citizens. Names are checked against a warning list held on a microcomputer.

The same information was held in book form allowing a comparison to be made between the automated and the manual procedure. Results of the experiment are thought to have been satisfactory but no definite plans have been announced for the introduction of a full system.

In West Germany the introduction of a new personal-identification card has sped the introduction of machine-readable passports. In two laws passed earlier this year the Bonn government achieved its mandate to introduce a machine-readable identity card by next April and a passport by 1988.

The plan is eventually to have 400 automated readers installed at border crossing points. These will be connected to a police computer storing details of wanted persons.

In other European countries attempts to introduce either the machine-readable passports or identity cards have met with little success. The Italian government, for instance, tried as early as 1980 to introduce legislation to allow their introduction. But the proposed act has lain dormant in the Italian parliament ever since.

A 1981 French experiment with machine-readable identity cards was halted by pressure from civil-liberties campaigners.

The Belgians have dropped the machine-readable information from their identity cards after public pressure. Denmark and the Netherlands have no plans to introduce either machine-readable cards or passports. For the present at least it looks as though the UK and West Germany will be going it alone in Europe.

The computer industry is destined to be one of the major beneficiaries of the Government's emerging policy on copyright. That strategy, outlined last week in a White Paper, is meant to bring ageing copyright legislation that is 30 years old and incapable of coping with the problems brought about by new technology, into the 20th century.

Tape recorders - both audio and video - have provided legal problems for the pedantic legal mind for decades. The copying of sound and visual broadcasts, at least in theory, are illegal. Home computers and mainframes have also presented problems for the law, particularly the copying of computer software for personal use and commercial gain.

The Government had a difficult task. Proper protection to copyright holders is a problem that has to be addressed by every industrial nation. The British White Paper, which will be followed next session by legislation to bring it into effect, is expected to be emulated by the EEC. The council is trying to formulate a policy and will undoubtedly use the British efforts as a blueprint for all member states.

The Government succeeded in exposing a few inconsistencies in its policy. The White Paper outlined the intention to impose a 10 per cent levy on the retail price of blank audio cassettes. It is a victory for the record industry which has been lobbying government for months. The levy is not a compensation for supposed lost sales but a royalty payment to attract holders whose broadcasts - speech and music - have been taped.

This logic was not to be sustained for video tapes or audio cassettes which clearly are being used for copying computer software. All video tapes and audio cassettes with less than 35 minutes playing time are exempt from levy.

But computer programmers who hold copyright have been well looked after. The White Paper conceded that since computers had been in their infancy when the 1956 Copyright Act was spawned, such equipment and their related problems have been given little protection.

Justice Whitford had studied the justice of copyright and those relating to high technology patents in his review of 1973. The report

# Hi-tech copyright moves into the 20th century

**THE WEEK**  
**By Bill Johnstone**  
*Technology Correspondent*

not enough to protect the creative programmer.

The Government's Green Paper of 1981 offered a number of options but still that situation was to change last year when the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Act was passed in an attempt to thwart large-scale computer piracy. That act was to lay the foundations for the protections which will be embedded in next year's copyright legislation.

The principles which will be contained in the legislation are:

- computer programs attract copyright protection;
- criminal remedies to be used

It is authorship the legal minds have had difficulty defining. As a consequence the White Paper has excluded artificial intelligent (AI) computers from holding copyright - an issue which is liable to be extremely contentious.

realized the promises made of them in the last decade they will undoubtedly be part of the next generation of data processors. It would then be necessary to produce copyright law to give protection. It is a concept the law makers find difficult to comprehend. The White Paper emphasized the problem.

Both Whitford and the 1981 Green Paper investigated the possibility of a general answer to the question of who should be regarded as author of a work created with the aid of a computer. Three candidates, alone or in combination, were considered: the creator of the program that controls the computer; the originator of the data upon which the computer operates to create the new work; and the person responsible for running the computer to produce the work.

The White Paper is obviously deficient. Before the legislation is drafted the question of AI should be looked at again as should the software copying. The computer industry needs to know the answers.

*Intellectual Property and Innovation, Command 9712, HMSO, £6.70.*

# In search of respectability

**By Geoff Wheelwright**

There is a lot of money to be made in selling pin-stripe suits in Silicon Valley these days. Companies which once prided themselves on conducting business in blue jeans, and running their operations with as much innovation as they designed their machines, are now frantically moving to change their image. They are now turning up at the doors of top companies seeking to establish themselves as respectable computer suppliers to blue-chip firms.

The classic example of this mid-life search for respectability and conformity is Apple Computer. The company has left both its founding members and its yuppie-toy manufacturer image behind in a bid to woo the world's top firms to use its equipment. Apple's computers have been beefed up for business use, visionary co-founder Steve Jobs has been replaced by ex-Pepsi head man John Sculley as Apple boss and, the general tenor of the company's advertisements are less evangelical.

But computer manufacturers are not the only ones pitching for this kind of respectability. Software giant Microsoft is making the same kinds of moves to shake off the youthful "enthusiast" image embodied in founder Bill Gates - who founded the company eleven years ago on sales of a version of the Basic programming language. Microsoft recently had a highly successful public offering, and boasted more than \$140 million (US) in annual sales. It also started hosting a series of conferences specifically designed to sell to Fortune 500 companies in the US.

The company is also moving away from its previous concentration on producing internal computer software for manufacturers and will put more into selling word-processing, spreadsheets and other business software for the mainstream corporate market.

The great irony in all this is that only a few years ago, many of these new high-tech companies were attractive precisely because they didn't have strong ties to the corporate market and had the freedom to think and act from motives of innovation and technological development. But after several years those

companies, although they produced technologically wonderful marvel, didn't produce anything the business community could see a use for. The innovators of old have realised they need the corporate community.

Corporate buyers do, however, seem to be open-minded in their purchasing habits. Companies like Compaq Computer and Lotus Development - both of whom did not exist four years ago - are now major players in the business micro market because they provided something which didn't exist before. Compaq's portable computer woo the company a reputation in the corporate community which has helped it survive the pressures of competition from IBM. And the Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet became so popular among managers that it became an industry standard for financial modelling on PCs within 18 months of its release.

The general advice on gaining this elusive corporate respectability seems to be that it's easier to take your products up-market into the business sector than the other way round. IBM's attempts to sell its PC Junior home computer in the US, and Apricot's efforts in selling its economy series of Apricot-compatible computers were both big disappointments. However, Amstrad's move from home computers to the small business arena with its PCW 8256 and now PCW 8512 has been a huge success.

Software companies too have made the successful move upmarket. At one time, the London-based Psion com-



pany produced games for Sinclair's Spectrum and ZX-81 computers - but in the past 18 months has built much of its revenue on sales of a 2500 business software package for the IBM PC called Xchange.

Psion head man David Potter does worry that software prices will have to move down-market now - as the gap between personal computer prices and software prices gets smaller and smaller.

"Software is now expensive when compared to the much cheaper new hardware."

Still, many companies promoting themselves to the corporate market believe that performance and reputation - not price - are the key factors to winning big orders. Although Microsoft, in its announcement last week of a new buying program for large companies, did say that it would be offering volume discounts to corporations, they would only come into effect on orders of \$100,000 or more. And at that price, Bill Gates should be able to afford a pin-stripe suit or two.

# Domesday at your fingertips

The 900-year-old Domesday book with thousands of names, places and facts has always presented researchers with an arduous task as it was produced without an index. But new technology has finally come to the rescue at the University of California where a team of medieval scholars and computer experts have been programming the book into a huge database. Subscribers to the system can now pick out items such as a list of 11th-century estates by landholder or the correlation between woodland and the number of pigs at the press of a button.

More details on IBM's experimental speech recognition system that is likely to make voice activated typewriters a reality have emerged. It uses an IBM AT personal computer and can transcribe sentences from a 5,000 word vocabulary with, says the company, 95 per cent accuracy. Redesigned speech recognition techniques have reduced the six million characters of storage needed on an earlier

# THE TIMES DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

A Concorde trip to New York and back is one of the prizes on offer in a new competition in Computer Horizons, starting on May 6. The six-week competition, being organized by The Times and the computer company, Digital Equipment, will be based on the Schneider Air Race to be held on the Isle of Wight on June 22. The competition will involve a degree of research and numerical skill in answering questions based both on computing and aviation. Each week a prize with an aviation theme will be offered.

system to 640,000 characters. The system "learns" that characteristics of an individual's voice after he or she has read a document into the system. As the user speaks, the system chooses potential words and as speech continues they are updated in the light of later words. This selection of the most probable word at each stage helps the system to distinguish between words that sound alike but are different, such as know and no or to and two.

Small and medium-sized companies of up to 500 employees looking for ways to improve productivity and profit through the use of computers can obtain grants to help with

world such as Stock Exchange prices, unit trusts and foreign exchange, is to become quicker. British Telecom engineers are working on introducing a facility so that prices will be updated automatically on screen as you watch. Prestel users now have to rely to see if prices have changed since they first requested the information.

The Consumers Association, publishers of Which magazine, has produced an updated version of its Taxcalc computer software for the 1985-86 tax year. The program, which is for home computers and costs £7, will calculate how much tax you should pay for the year and will also work out the effect of separate taxation for married couples.

IBM has reported a worldwide first quarter profit of more than £700 million, 3.1 per cent up while sales rose 3.7 per cent to nearly £7,000 million. The improvement is attributed to the lower value of the dollar, improving net earnings by nearly £100 million, IBM chairman, John Akers, repeated earlier messages that there is still uncertainty in the US market and slow growth in capital spending. Digital Equipment, the world's second largest computer group after IBM, has reported a

British Telecom's Citiservice, which provides subscribers to the Prestel system with information on the financial

# COMPUTER BRIEFING

profit gain of 86 per cent to £111 million for its last quarter to March 29. Sales for the quarter increased 14 per cent to £7.26 billion.

A computerized alternative to clocking in with punch cards at work has been launched by a subsidiary of the National Westminster Bank - Centre-file. Employees cards are "swiped" through a terminal linked to a mainframe computer which will then calculate pay from the time recorded and produce a payslip. Designed for companies with more than 150 staff the Paytime system can also give absentee and sickness reports and other personnel information.

IBM Spain cancelled a regional sales meeting last weekend on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca because of Libyan threats against Spain. The incident sales meeting between the Spanish branch of IBM and IBM Switzerland was to have been attended by more than 2,000 people. Before the US bombing raid on the Libyan capital Tripoli last Tuesday, Libya threatened reprisals against

# US military installations in Spain if the United States attacked Libya

Meaningless jargon words affect the computer industry more than most and it seems that most new computer products are heavily immersed in a wodge of supposed technical advantages. Frequently, however, if the jargon was translated into plain English it would soon emerge there was nothing special in it - the motoring equivalent would be to advertise a car as having four superb round wheels and a steering wheel as an optional extra. This month's jargon announcement award must go to Cincom Systems who advertise in a small shot: "In addition to complete proven functionality MRPS specifically addresses the key issues which normally affect the success of an MRP/II implementation."

Wang Laboratories, the computer group, plans a new plant in South Korea and will buy its distributor to form a subsidiary called Wang Computer Korea. The factory will make personal computers and print-out terminals, employing about 100 people. It is due to start operations this year.



Professor John Ashworth: A new technology centre.

Many employers are out of touch with what technology can do, said Professor John Ashworth, vice-chancellor of Salford University, at the recent launch of a new manufacturing technology centre being set up in Mansfield. His university is now recruiting applicants for a degree in Information Technology at a new IT Institute which plans to take its first 55 students in October and stresses that A levels in any subject are acceptable, the only minimum requirements being O levels in English and Maths. Application forms will be accepted from those who have already applied through UCCA for other courses. Further details from Gresh Dix on 061-736 5843.

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# A secret little love-hate affair

By Nicholas Soames

My search for an ideal laptop portable came to a head during a casual conversation in Korea. Making the most of the informality allowed by the freemasonry-like rules of the international computer fraternity, I picked the brains of one of the news wire-service boys.

Where, I asked, can I find a laptop portable which offers a full 80 by 24 character screen, extensive memory — preferably an integrated disc filing system — and with full communication facilities and a software bundle, yet was below the £2,000 mark of the

I found the one shop that stocked it

Toshiba or the Kaypro systems?

He whispered the name Bondwell, and I have thanked and cursed him ever since. For he was right: the computer is all that and more. But there have been times over the last six months when bondage rather than Bondwell would have been a more appropriate name.

I had made the basic operating error of plugging into a relatively unknown system when I simply was not equipped to chart new territory.

The Bondwell seemed a closely guarded secret in Britain. It even took me a while to track one down, finally ending up by chance in the one shop in Tottenham Court Road that stocked it. There were all my requirements, packaged in one machine: A CPM system with one built-in disc drive with 320K of storage on the 3.5in. discs and expansion possibilities for a second drive.

It had a full-size screen and the rather weak liquid crystal display present was being enhanced. I was told, the following week, by some extra software. It was, I discovered, a "vanilla flavour" machine, with an old-fashioned but functional chip, the CPM operating system and a 64K memory.

American in design, it was a little slow, but it did come bundled with Wordstar, Calcstar, Datastar, Repostar and other software. I paid my £1,500 and carried it home with delight. Then the troubles began. I got into the word-processing program Wordstar, but discovered I could not load the function keys and the screen enhancer together.

My dealer was friendly, but unable to help. Then the machine did not seem to want to double-space on my home printer yet would not single-space on my office printer. My dealer tried everything, he

knew and still drew a blank.

I was put in touch with a helicopter pilot who wrote novels on it in his spare time and who showed me the trick of loading Wordstar's function keys and the screen enhancer. But it was a main-frame computer consultant for whom the Bondwell was a steam engine hobby, one Ian Seward, who became my guru.

He solved my printing problems, then set to work on the horrendous maze of communications. Each newspaper, wire service and mailbox system needed its own protocol — that I could understand. But

So unusual it gives a sense of prestige

most were accustomed to the courting habits of a Tandy or an Epson, and not the more elegant advances of my Bondwell.

I spent hours struggling with electronic mail, trying the patience of numerous newspaper executives unable to find my article in their system, but

But whenever bona fide computer men saw my Bondwell, they could not keep their hands off it. My guru and I burnt the midnight oil struggling with the varying sensitivities of the receiving computers and the

idiosyncrasies of Ascom, the communications software Ian had selected and, one by one, we cracked them.

It took us a month before we finally cracked them. Yet even after six months, life with the Bondwell is not without its shocks, for both of us. I arrived once to find a grimaced guru.

"I have," he said through his teeth, "just had a sense-of-humour failure." He had been using his machine much of the day, safe in the knowledge that he has eight hours of battery life before the flashing light indicates 30 minutes to go. For the past hour, he had worked on a complex quotation, and he was ten minutes from finishing.

He continued without saving, and seven minutes later, as he attempted to save, the screen went blank. There may be 30 minutes of simple use, but the saving operation eats up all the reserves of juice.

It was a severe way to discover it. Then, earlier this year when the price of the basic Bondwell dropped to £995, but still he failed.

It easily outstrips any portable in its price bracket and puts most of those up to £2,500 to shame. And I can still enjoy the cachet of possessing the unusual without having to reveal that had I been on my own, my sanity would have been sorely tested.



Soames and laptop: After hours of investigation, surprising discoveries about the courtship rituals of a rare creature

# On line at last at the Foreign Office

A week in the computer industry can be a long time — but in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, mere minutes can be crucial.

As last week's crisis in the Middle East clearly illustrated, the Government and its diplomatic service can often be asked to make crucial decisions extremely quickly — with serious consequences if they make the wrong decision.

Immediate access to important documents during a crisis can be essential to such decision-making and last week the Foreign Office took steps to improve that access. It is to install a £4.5 million computer system — the Foreign Office London Integrated Office System (Folios), which will have electronic mail and messaging facilities that should improve not only the speed with which important telegrams go to diplomatic officials, but also the way in which those telegrams are filed.

Instead of an army of messengers running about the maze of buildings and offices that makes up the FCO, delivering paper copies of telegrams, they will be keyed into a computer the moment they arrive and instantly sent off to all the computer terminals used by the people who need to read them.

About 1250 terminals are to be installed in the Foreign Office over the next five years and should save a good deal of time, shoe-leather and perhaps even lives. Foreign office messengers currently deliver telegrams around the various offices three times a day — with telegrams that need to go to more than one person having to be photocopied before they go anywhere.

Another advantage of the system should be that all messages which move through will be able to be accessed through a keyword search which will allow for example, somebody, who the necessary clearances to do so, to read all the diplomatic messages concerning a particular topic that have come in over the past few months.

The pace of incoming telegrams at present prevents that kind of comprehensive catalogue of information. Developed by Systems Designers the new computer is claimed to be entirely secure. No external telephone lines will link into the system and a strict password protection system will be employed internally.

There will also be an audit trail containing records of all file accesses so that security officers can find out who has accessed what information.

# Trojan horses v. the big boys

By David Guest

The microcomputer fraternity has sent two new Trojan horses into the cradles of the larger-scale computer users.

ICL and Alpha Micro have both announced new machines that will not mark the end of the microcomputer industry's war of attrition against its larger forebears. But at different levels they show which way the wind is blowing. In particular, they illustrate vividly the inadequacy of the current naming convention.

Computers have generally been categorized as micros, minis and mainframes. This corresponds roughly to small, medium and large and is supposed to give an idea of the size of jobs to which they might be appropriate. The minis have been squeezed over the last few years from above by the falling prices of mainframes, and from below by the growing power of

Many micros in one machine

micros. An additional category, the supermicrocomputer, which may be thought of as economy — or family size — has prospered, but this too is now under pressure from the micros.

The difference is the numbers of people who can use the new breed of micros simultaneously. In the case of the Californian Alpha Micro's AM-2000, it is no fewer than 240. This has no more to do with personal computing than cramming world-record numbers of bodies into an Austin Mini had with careful motorizing. A system for 60 users will cost about £82,000.

# How staff learn to love their friendly VDUs

By Sally Watts

Computers are over-sold. Too little is heard from those who have to put them into effect, and the dramatic changes they cause in people's work lives are "consistently swept under the carpet," according to Brian Chance, financial director of S. H. Muffett, a Tisbury-based precision engineering company with 70 employees.

He believes his own company, like many others, underestimated the problems of introducing computer systems — in Muffett's case this comprises production control, job costing, factory documentation and scheduling.

Mr Chance says: "Businesses have grown up on a different basis, so entire working patterns undergo a tremendous upheaval. Older people, in particular, have their own methods of doing things, they do what is necessary at the moment, whether writing a memo on the back of an old envelope, or going to a colleague and asking his help with a problem."

"Now they have to look for a screen, press in a number and tell him what the job is. They are in the frustrating position of becoming a prisoner of the computer."

not. Alpha Micro, with an eye on foreign imitators, has taken the trouble to patent the circuitry that achieves this distribution of power, but it isn't a new idea. It is exactly the approach taken by ICL in the development of its DRS line of systems.

Where Alpha Micro looks upwards to take on systems such as IBM's 4300 and System/38 and Digital Equipment's Vax series, ICL looks sideways into the personal computer world. Its operating system, licensed from Digital Research, gives users the option of using some applications written for the IBM PC and others written in earlier times when personal computers only ever did one thing at a time.

Its processor, the Intel 80286, is the same as that used by IBM in the PC-AT, which at its highest level will give eight users access to the system. ICL's system will accommodate up to 16 — slight by comparison with the AM-2000, but it is worth noting that not 10 years ago microcomputers had far less capacity than either.

Alpha Micro has taken the old-fashioned route of using its own operating system, called Amos. Operating systems that do not conform to what IBM uses are frowned upon in the micro-business these days, but individual operating systems are the rule rather than the exception in the market the company is aiming at. It claims a range of some 500 applications, suitable to run under the operating system, and adds that others can easily be translated.

Both ICL and Alpha Micro are underwriting their efforts by adopting the developing international networking standards, with the intention that their systems should be capable of being linked to others through an accepted series of channels.

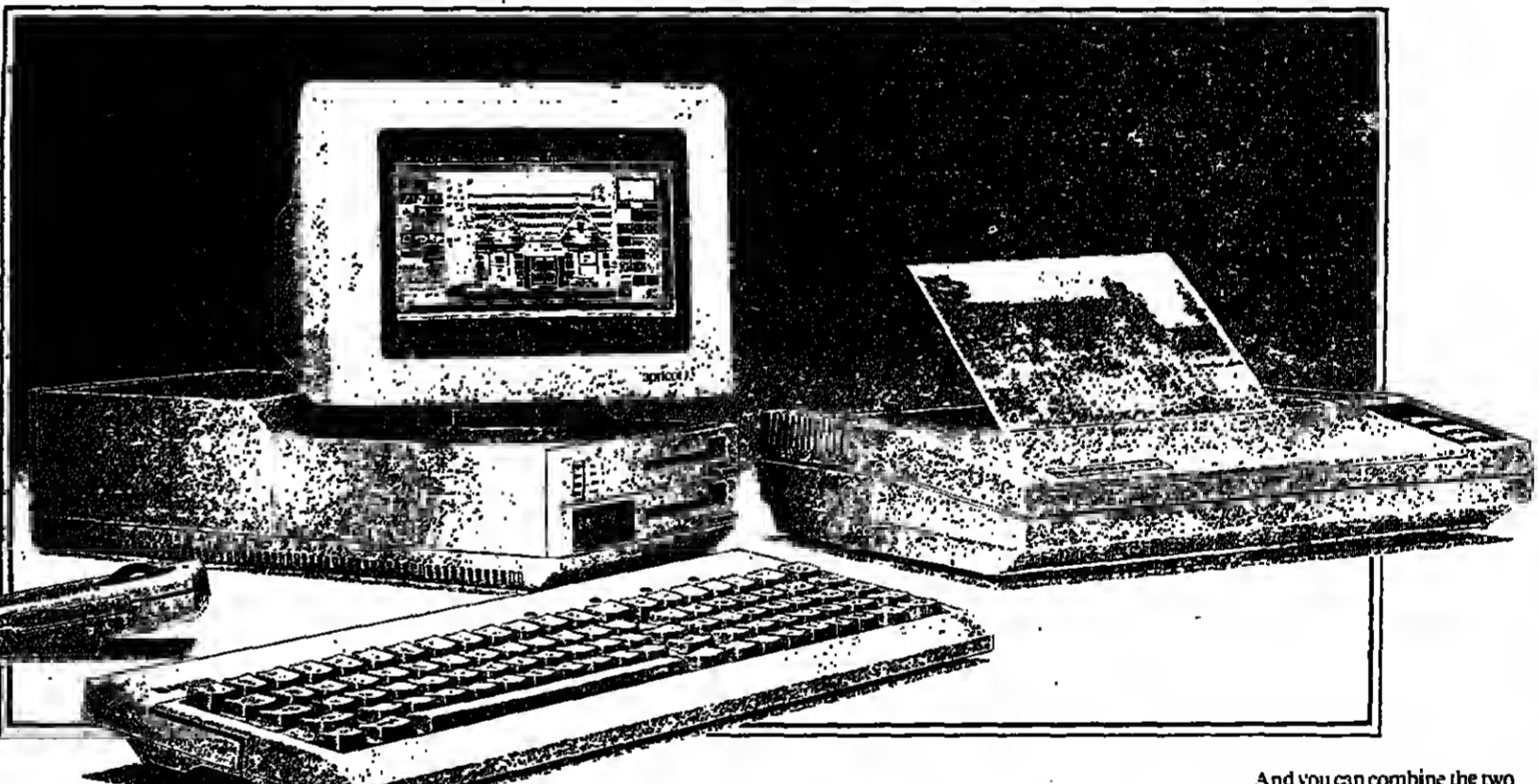
production control is difficult, involving different processes, people and materials, all interlocking. Staff see it as a continuing problem throughout their working lives — and a restrictive one, in the sense that they can operate only as the equipment dictates, the human mind versus a mechanical gadget.

Frances, in the two years since Muffett's system was installed, have ranged from misunderstandings among colleagues and basic misconceptions about the machinery to the understandable conclusion that "the computer is useless," or worse. "I am useless. What will become of me if I cannot cope?" One man even packed in his job, but returned later.

Eventually, says Brian Chance, staff realize that what benefits the company will also benefit them. As they settle into a new set of routines, they appreciate the skill with which technology sorts, stores, lists and summarises information, saving them mundane work, and suggest ways of extending it.

But Mr Chance is concerned about other small businesses introducing systems without realizing the problems ahead. The "conducted tour" type of training is not very helpful, he thinks, as staff may be self-conscious about asking questions. He advises management to provide more in-house training, bridging the gap between theory and everyday use.

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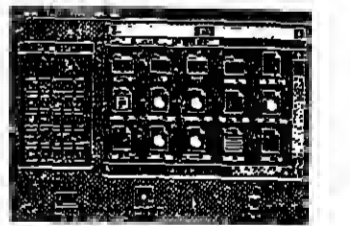
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#### JOB SCENE

Some years ago Richard Seron took a temporary job in a recruitment consultancy, while himself looking for something more permanent in the computer industry. This experience, from both sides of the interview table, taught him some do's and don'ts for job-seekers in high technology.

When job-seekers in the computer industry answer advertisements they hope to be competing against a handful of other hopefuls. They are usually wrong. Despite well publicized shortages in certain areas of computing, more often, and especially for the inexperienced and those wishing to move into the industry, the curriculum vitae will be one of perhaps 100 landing on the consultant's desk the morning after an advertisement is published.

#### Package yourself as a saleable product

Just reading through this pile in an eight-hour day means a consultant has to cover every lovingly compiled record of every applicant's life in four minutes. He has to reject nine-tenths of the applicants, to pick 10 people for interview.

The job-hunter, particularly the school-leaver and the over-40s, can become just bits of data in this process and applicants should also remember that the recruitment consultants are salesmen, usually paid commission on the speed they can sell the product - their product being the people they can place. To get any help from them, therefore, you have to package yourself as a saleable product and market yourself to them. High-technology job-seekers must persuade the recruitment consultant, and then the employer, that he matches the job spec better than anyone else.

#### The DIY publishers

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Apple is making the desktop publishing application a major plank in selling its Macintosh computer into business, while Microsoft is one of those trying to develop standards for the compact disc technology. It hopes that within the next few years compact disc computers will be cheap enough to offer business soft-

seeker should not just list the positions he has held. A headhunter is rarely interested in the organisational structure of a company. CVs should not be longer than two sides of A4 paper.

Emphasise achievements, such as putting in a payroll system a month ahead of target and £10,000 under budget, rather than titles or status. A fancy title just makes the applicant look pompous. Stress the last few jobs or the job where the applicant had most responsibility. Most people in the industry have access to a word processor and it is no bad thing to tailor the CV to the particular job opportunity.

The CV should also be your own. The package CV formats churned out by professional CV-writing consultants generally irritate. If you are called for interview do not treat it just as a pleasant chat. Ask questions and listen to find out the employer's needs. Keep probing and you will keep the consultant, who may be no better briefed than you, on his toes. The consultant is probably non-technical, so be sparing with the computer jargon.

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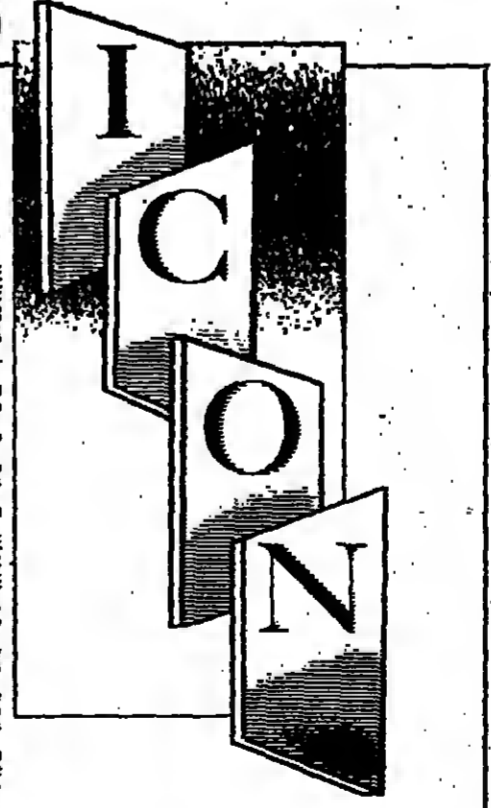
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Dundee Rockets, Durham Wasps, Fife Flyers, and Weymouth Racers will be at Wembley at the end of this week for the semi-finals of the Heineken Championship...

New game for Old Trafford

Old Trafford football ground, home of Manchester United, will stage the first rugby league international against Australia in July...

McNamee back in business

In the context of Britain's chances of beating Australia in the Davis Cup at Wimbledon in July, Paul McNamee has been looking in optimistically good form...

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FOOTBALL

Waregem and Cologne pay the price of hooliganism

Berlin (Reuters) - The Belgian club, Waregem, have been fined 7,000 Swiss francs (€2,500) by the European Football Union for incidents during last Wednesday's UEFA Cup semi-final...

Some earlier round ties in European club competitions have been switched by UEFA as a punishment for crowd misbehaviour...

Earlier, UEFA said its Control and Disciplinary Committee had ruled against Cologne's Müngersdorfer Stadium during talks in Zurich...

Another UEFA Cup final leg has been switched to another venue on the grounds of hooliganism in the 1975 final...

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Platinis for Platinis: the French international after his club side Juventus had beaten AC Milan 1-0 on Sunday. Juventus are now two points clear at the top of the Italian League.

Chelsea will break record for Durie

Chelsea are poised to pay a club record £400,000 for Gordon Durie, the Hibernian forward...

Tickets are costly for crucial tie

Black-market tickets for today's crucial league clash between Werder Bremen and Bayern Munich were being snapped up for up to 1,000 marks...

Summoned Altodi resigns

Italy Altodi, the 'Mr Fix It' of Italian football and the wealthy executive director of Naples, has resigned after receiving a summons to appear before magistrates...

Nicholl's torment

Jimmy Nicholl has thrown Northern Ireland's World Cup plans into further disarray by joining the long list of regulars whose presence in Mexico is threatened by injury...

Barrett for N Zealand

New Zealand have selected the young fast bowlers, Brian Barret and Willie Watson, in a 16-man party to tour England this year...

Rain permits only 22 balls

FENNER'S Cambridge University with 218 first-wickets in hand, with nine runs behind Leicestershire...

EUROPEAN RESULTS

Table of football results from European competitions, including matches like Borussia Dortmund vs Bayern Munich, and Tottenham Hotspur vs Juventus.

INTERDATE FOR ARDILES

Tottenham Hotspur, who were banned from staging a testimonial for Osvaldo Ardiles this week, have arranged what should be a lucrative replacement match...

EMPRESSES PANEL FOR WORLD CUP

New Delhi (Reuters) - An international panel of umpires will supervise the World Cup in India and Pakistan next year, the International Cricket Conference (ICC) secretary, Jack Bailey, said yesterday...

NO PLAY YESTERDAY

THE PARKS: Somerset 235 for 9 dec 1st; Essex 117 not out; Oxford University 11 for 230...

POOLS FORECAST

by Paul Newman. Lists of horses and their predicted odds for various races, including the Grand National.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Scottish second division: Cowdenbeath v Berwick; Dundee v Arbroath; Raith R v Stranraer. Football fixtures for the day.

FOR THE RECORD

Eastwood Harley v West: Glossop L; Salford: Chester; Glossop L; Salford: Chester. Cricket records and statistics.

BOWLS

BARNSTAPLE: National father and son international championship semi-finals in Barnstaple...

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1
6.00 Covert Action...
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood...

TV-AM
8.15 Good Morning Britain...
9.30 News at Ten...

ITV LONDON
8.25 Thames news headlines...
9.30 News at Ten...

BBC 2
6.55 Open University: Science - Stars, Stars and Spectra...
8.00 Covert Action...

CHANNEL 4
2.15 Their Landscapes' House...
2.30 The Evening News...

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12.30 News after Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Corviale...

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